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Sir Oliver Harvey (through Mr Beith)

With reference to the meeting on 16/6 (minutes at 108A), I have discussed this question of the allocation of Palestine immigration certificates to the French Zone of Germany and to Austria with Col. Solomon, and have agreed with him that a solution

(P.T. Over.

on the lines of the draft letter to Mr. Creech Jones at 112A is about the best we can hope for now.

Would Mr. Beith please comment on the proposal as it affects France? (Ref 109A: Ed. Solomon has asked the Jewish Agency to take no action on this letter until further instructions are received).

German Refugee Dept.

25/6/47

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I am glad that any action on Colonel Solomon's letter of June 20th to Mr. Linton has been held up. The point is that the wording of the third paragraph is incorrect. We have reached no final arrangement with the French authorities and as far as I know the figure of 25 as a Palestine immigration quota for the French Zones has not been put to the French Government. The last news which the Paris Embassy have from us is contained in Foreign Office telegram No. 1115 Saving of May 14th in E 3946/48/31. There we said that we would agree to a monthly allocation being given to the French but that there was little hope of it being in proportion to the numbers of Jewish displaced persons in the British and French Zonès. I gather that the present quota of 25 will have to do the French for both their Zones of German y and Austria [illegible], whereas the figure in proportion to the number of displaced persons in the British and French Zones would be more like 90. I do not think that the French have been so helpful to us in preventing the illegal immigration traffic through France that we should fall over backwards to meet them in their present request but I do think that the figure proposed is unlikely to satisfy the French Government. As the matter has been under negotiation between our Embassy at Paris and the Quai d'Orsay we must I think give the Embassy an opportunity to inform the French Government of the quota proposed before there is any question of the number being published as a decision on our side.

Eastern Department are entirely in agreement with the fourth paragraph of this draft. We have always regarded the allocation of half the legal quota to Cyprus as a direct incitement to illegal immigration but the difficulties of cancelling this arrangement now that it is consecrated are very great.

J.G.S. Beith
26th June, 1947.

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I attended this afternoon a meeting of the illegal immigration working party at which it was decided that no objection should be raised to the proposed re-routing of Grand National through Genoa.

Mary Appleby
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Re Movts - Jews in DPs in British Zone.

A.

No 1 Jews in B.Z. Germany

16,000. Total

5,000 German

11,000 non-German (mostly Polish)

Joan Drake Cpl 206.

Number to go to Palestine 11,000.

No 2 Jews in B.Z. Austria

Roughly 1000. (all to Palestine)

(EXODUS JEWS — 4300 approx.) Illegal immigrants

B. Certificates

15,000 per month

Breakdown 750 Cyprus.

750 { unavoidable commitments
Half of remainder.
divided between B.Z Germany (Lots 25 p.m. B.Z. Austria)
+ High Commissioner's Lists.

Works out at approx 300 for B.Z. (25 used per month for Austria)

C. No of certificates Granted to B.Z to date

Nov 46 - 14 Nov 47 = 3427

D. No of persons repatriated under Grand National

3,026. (incl 150 Ex Austria)
(Movement is roughly at 300 per transport.)

P.T.O.

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1) Establish principle that ~~Cyprus~~ Exodus Jews are the same as Cyprus Jews.

2) Disagree as always on the allocation of 750 certificates p. month automatically to Cyprus Jews which ~~overrides~~ gives illegal immigrants precedence over the law abiding Jews.

3) B.3 Jews get certificate according to length of registration in Camp ~~Bath.~~

~~Col. Sec. Jewish Affairs~~

∴ Exodus Jews rights at end of Greece but Col Sec Jewish Agency decree say the Exodus Jews rights have the B.3 quota in preference to the bona fide DPs but the decision would be Jews published as such.

4) Grand National Juniors

(i) 461 orphan Jewish children (avoid saying orphan D.P. children since some are in fact with D.P's)

(ii) Col. Sec. agreed in principle. High Commissioner turned it down because of withdrawal decision.

(iii) We must fight this [even if it means saying we will ~~resign~~ Jewish agency solution B] for quota for next few months for these children.]

H 8/12/47.

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Mr Adams.

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ALLIED COMMISSION FOR AUSTRIA
(British Element)

TO : Brigadier A.G.Kenchington,CBE,MC.
Director,PW & DP Division,
Control Commission for Germany (BE),
B.A.O.R.

PW & DP Division

Ext: 671

DP1/65/V

30 May 1947

SUBJECT: Allocation of Immigration Certificates for Palestine.

Dear

I understand that we may be getting a small allocation of Certificates for Immigration to Palestinef for Jewish Displaced Persons in the British Zone of Austria.

I am informed by Miss Applebey of the Control Office that the Jewish Agency would prefer that departures from Austria should not be via Trieste as there are difficulties in finding shipping accommodation from that port to Palestine. The Agency suggests that Austrian immigrants should join the main party from Germany by travelling either to Strasbourg or direct to Marseilles.

Miss Applebey feels, and I am inclined to agree with her, that difficulties of documentation would make it preferable in the long run to send our candidates to the Camp at Bocholt, where they could be documented with the German candidates.

I cannot yet indicate to you the size of the quota to be allocated to us, but meanwhile I would be grateful for your comments on the above suggestion.

Yours

DP.

COPY TO Miss Applebey,
Foreign Office, German Section,
Norfolk House,
St.James's Square, London, S.W.1.
(Your G.18/9 of 22 May 47 refers).

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Miss Appleby (G3b) 9/18/47

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FROM: Lt.Gen. Sir Brian H. Robertson, Bart., KCVO., CB., CBE., DSO., MC.

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Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany,
(British Element),
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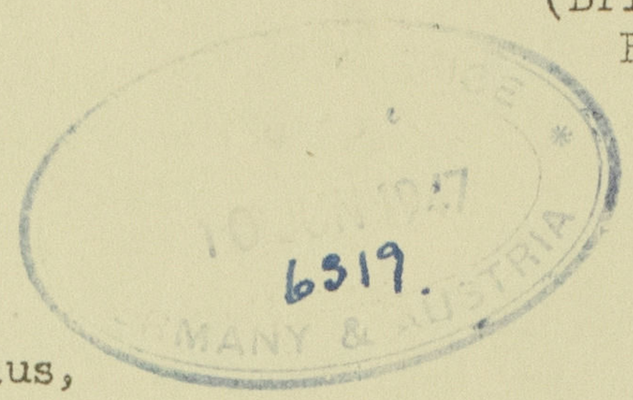

31 May, 1947.

My dear Lucius,

Thank you for your letter of the 3rd May on the subject of the allotment of immigration Certificates to PALESTINE, and of the disposal of 3,400 orphaned Jewish children now in your Zone.

As you say, the settling of the PALESTINE problem bristles with difficulties. I referred the question which you raised to my Government, who retain in their own hands responsibility for the quota allotment.

High level discussions are taking place in London continually on this subject, and I have now been advised that, until these are ended and the present United Nations' discussions reach some conclusion, His Majesty's Government do not intend to make any change in the allotment of Certificates. These are, in fact, very few in number, being only 300 per month.

I am quite sure the question of the orphans will receive sympathetic consideration as soon as it is possible to do so.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) BRIAN H. ROBERTSON.

General Lucius D. Clay,
Military Governor,
Office of the Military Government for Germany (US),
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Mrs Ingley

Miss Appleby

With the Compliments of the Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Colonial Office, Downing Street, S.W.1.

13th June 1934.

106B.

SECRET

75113/95/47 Palestine.

12th June, 1947.

At a meeting of the Polish Forces Committee on the 18th December last (Gen.125/5th Meeting), the question was raised of granting priority in the issue of immigration certificates for Palestine to a group of Jewish members of the Polish Forces, then accommodated in Scotland. I promised the Committee that I would consult the High Commissioner in Palestine later on when the situation was clarified by the conclusion of the Zionist Conference at Basle and the re-convened London Conference on Palestine. This I have done. I was also asked to consider the matter with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

The High Commissioner for Palestine holds strongly the view that in existing circumstances priority ought not to be granted to the Jews of the 2nd Polish Corps in Scotland over the categories of immigrants amongst whom the present toal of 1,500 certificates a month is divided. Of these certificates half go to Jews detained in Cyprus and that arrangement was confirmed last month by the Ministerial Committee on Illegal Immigration into Palestine. The balance is shared between close relatives in Europe of Palestinian citizens and Jewish Displaced Persons in the British Zone in Germany.

/I

The Rt. Hon. Hugh Dalton, M.P.

I fear that it is difficult not to agree with the High Commissioner that the Poles in Scotland have no better claim than any of the above categories of Jews between whom the quota is at present allocated. I have therefore reached the conclusion that, unless and until we are in a position either to increase the quota to Palestine or to make a wider distribution of certificates, it will not be possible to make any available for the Polish Jews in Scotland.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Pakenham.

(Sgd.) A. CREECH JONES.

Rec. Foreg. 107 A

Secretary of State. 412

Palestine Immigration Certificates.

5.30 pm. Mon 16 June

You agreed to hold a meeting with the Secretary of State for the Colonies to solve the deadlock over the allocation to Displaced Persons in Germany and Austria of Palestine Immigration Certificates.

2. The present position is that the monthly quota of certificates is 1,500. This is a ceiling figure. Half this quota is reserved for the illegal immigrants in Cyprus and after deduction of a further 200 or so certificates reserved for "unavoidable commitments" there is left to be allocated a balance of just over 500 certificates. Up to date the procedure has been to split this balance in roughly equal proportions between Displaced Persons in various parts of the world whose applications have been registered with the authorities in Jerusalem for some time past, and which go forward as their turn comes up, and applications made in the British zone of Germany. In order to solve the problem of the Jewish displaced population we have been pressing the Colonial Office to agree that the monthly allocation of certificates to the British zone of Germany should be increased, at the expense of the number reserved for the list held by the Palestine authorities, and that an additional number should be allowed for Austria and also at least a token allocation for France, to whom we promised this in return for French assistance in preventing illegal immigration. It might well be that to meet these requirements the number of certificates allocated to the Palestine Government list would be so reduced as to be practically eliminated.

3. The Secretary of State for the Colonies has refused to accept this reduction in the number of certificates reserved for the Palestine Government list. He does not think that the present monthly allocation to the British zone can be increased, and has stated that if an allocation is required for Austria and for France it should be carved out of the existing allocation for the British zone.

4. Colonel Solomon, Jewish Adviser to the German Section, feels very strongly that the situation in which half the total number of certificates is granted to illegal immigrants in Cyprus at the expense of these who have waited their turn patiently in the queue is not consistent with considerations of natural justice. He feels that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has yielded to unreasonable pressure by the Jewish Agency on behalf of the Cyprus Jews who consist mostly of younger people that those in the D.P. camps in Germany and are preferred as immigrants for that reason. I feel that the Colonial Secretary may well have been the less disposed to resist this pressure by reason of the fact that he is the Minister responsible for the administration of Cyprus and has direct interest in securing the evacuation of the camps in that colony. The fact that he is in this respect in a dual capacity might, I suggest, be grounds for proposing that the position as to whether the Jews in Cyprus should be preferred to the Jews in Germany should be taken by a higher authority.

/5. Colonel

5. Colonel Solomon also feels that as long as Cyprus Jews continue to get priority for immigration into Palestine, there will continue to be a direct incentive to illegal immigration. The fact that they may have to wait one or even two years there is no doubt a deterrent but at the present rate the period of waiting for D.P. Jews in Germany and Austria, may be very much longer.

6. I would suggest that the problem should be tackled afresh in the following manner. The total monthly quota of 1,500 Certificates, referred to in my paragraph 2 above, should be divided into two equal halves of 750 Certificates. Half would remain at the disposal of the Colonial Secretary, who would sub-divide it to cover -

(a) The Palestine Government List.

(b) The "unavoidable commitments".

(c) Immigration from Cyprus;

the other half would go to the British Zone of Germany, Austria and France. This arrangement which would, of course, reverse the decision of the meeting held on 14th May (flag "B"), would provide an increase of some 400 Certificates over the present allocation for the British Zone of Germany, and would stretch to cover Austria and France. At the same time it would seem to provide a more equitable division of the total number of Certificates available.

7. A summary of the present position, compared with that proposed in para 6 is shown in the following table:

	Now	Proposed.
Cyprus Jews	750	
Unavoidable commitments (Service personnel and their families)		750
High Commissioner's list	750	
Germany, British Zone		
Austria, British Zone	Nil	750
French Zones	Nil	
Total	1500	1500

P.

13th June, 1947.

1081 108A

A Meeting was held in the Secretary of State's Room at the Foreign Office on Monday 16th June, at which the following were present:

Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

Secretary of State for the Colonies

The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

Sir Gilmour Jenkins, KBE., CB., MC.,

In attendance:

Mr. J.G.S.Beith, Foreign Office

Mr. J.W.L.Ivimy, Foreign Office

Mr. Trafford Smith, Colonial Office

Mr. W.A.C. Mathieson, Colonial Office.

Mr. Bevin opened the Meeting by referring to a proposal he had received from the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster for increasing the number of immigration certificates allotted to Jews in D.P camps in British Zone of Germany. He reminded the Meeting that there had been previous discussions on this problem which appeared to be one incapable of a settlement satisfactory to all parties.

Mr. Creech Jones said that the 750 certificates which had been allotted to Cyprus Jews was a firm commitment which for security and other reasons could not now be revoked. There were also some 100 odd certificates reserved for ex-servicemen and their families which could not be interfered with. This left the remainder to be distributed between the Jews in the D.P camps and those on the High Commissioner's list who were deserving cases of relatives and others of Jews in Palestine who had been waiting a long time.

Mr. Mathieson observed that the High Commissioner's list included a number of Jews in the D.P camps, though the number in the British Zone would not be as great as those in the American Zone on account of the disparity in the totals in each Zone.

Lord Pakenham said we were particularly anxious to assist the D.Ps in Austria, to whom hitherto we had been unable to give any allocation and he strongly hoped that a number of certificates might be made available for them. He mentioned that he had had a visit that morning from Mr. Sydney Silverman, M.P., who was the Chairman of the World Jewish Congress, and who had informed him that it was immaterial to his Organisation whether the Jews selected for immigration to Palestine came from Cyprus or from Europe.

Sir Gilmour Jenkins hoped that a more even balance might be provided by increasing the commitment for the D.Ps at the expense of the Cyprus Jews who, being illegal immigrants had not got the same right to preferential treatment.

Mr. Bevin recalled the circumstances under which the allocation to Cyprus had been made in order to provide a safety valve for the dangerous situation which was boiling up there. He ruled out any possibility of an increase in the overall allocation of 1,500 a month, which could only lead to a situation fraught with the utmost dangers.

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In conclusion, no agreement was reached for an alteration in the present system of allocation.

18th June 1947.

For Mr. Doiny's.
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June 20th, 1947

Dear Mr. Linton,

Our of the June-July quota of certificates numbering 374 for emigration from Europe to Palestine through the Control Commission there falls to be deducted a sub-allotment of 25 certificates to registered Jewish D.P.s in the British Zone of Austria.

Your representative there is, no doubt, fully instructed regarding the selection of this small party which is to join up with the main party to be assembled at Bocholt in the usual manner.

By arrangement with the French authorities a party of 25 registered D.P.s will be selected from Jews of this category in the French Zone to travel with the next succeeding batch. We have had no correspondence so far regarding the selection of D.P.s from the French Zone, and this letter is to give notice that the opportunity will arise as soon as the July-August figures are known.

You have, no doubt, your representative within the French Zone, and I should be obliged, if you will let him know that the selection of these candidates should proceed forthwith - the priorities being on the same lines as those agreed to in the British Zone. It is particularly requested that your representative may be exactly acquainted with these priorities, so as to avoid delay and disappointment. I would venture to suggest that some-one familiar with the practice in the British Zone might be sent to assist.

It is anticipated that there will be a continuing allocation of 25 certificates to the British Zone

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of Austria and to the French Zone from each month's allotment, and possibly you will be able to warn your representatives that when selecting they should bear in mind this fact and have applicants in reserve to meet future vacancies.

Yours sincerely,

copy to Mr. Ivimy
& Mrs. Henriques

I.J.Linton, Esq.,
Jewish Agency,
77, Ct. Russell Street, W.C.1

(Paraphrasing unnecessary)

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE(GERMAN SECTION) TO BERLIN & VIENNA.

G/317. SECRET.

20th June 1947. IMPORTANT.

D. 6.15 pm 20th June 1947.

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Immigration of Jews to Palestine.

Reference letters G.18/9 (APPLEBEY - THICKNESSE) on 21st.April and (APPLEBEY - LOGAN - GRAY) on 15th May, it has been agreed that the following modifications should be made to the categories of immigrants:

Category 2. - To read children under 14 years of age.

Category 3 and 4. - These categories to be extended to include relatives of Palestinians whose support is assured by private individuals, not being their relatives, or by Jewish institutions, provided

(a) that names and other relevant particulars of persons to be selected are furnished to the Director of Immigration, and

(b) the name and address of relative in Palestine, together with the name of person other than relative or institution in Palestine guaranteeing that support is furnished to the Director of Immigration and no visa is granted until the latter informs B.C.P.O. BERLIN that guarantee has been obtained.

With regard to category 3 the nature of the incapacity should be notified to the Director of Immigration and no visas issued without his prior authority.

Category 4. - Age limit now to read 55.

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PALESTINE TRANSIT CAMP, BOCHOLT.

The Palestine Transit Camp is part of a Baltic D.P. Camp run by C.C.G. Our team consists of Mr. Mills, UNRRA Director, three members of the J.A.F.P., Dr. Katz, Welfare, Mr. Sklartz, Chief Documentation Officer and Fania Rosenfeld, Nurse. Mrs. Sivo, A.J.D.C. messing officer and three members of the J.R.U. one Welfare and two, documentation. There is also one C.C.G. man of the Entries and Exits Branch.

The transit camp consists of three barrack blocks which can comfortably accommodate between 500 and 600 people. The kitschen (kosher) and the store is in another block. When we took over these blocks they were in a very bad condition. Much material and labour was expended to make them habitable for the transitees. For the first transport only cubicles - made by dividing the barracks with evil-smelling blankets - were available but by the time the second transport had arrived thin wooden partitions had been put up. This was done in two blocks. The dining-hall, which is attached to one of the blocks, is large and airy, with a seating capacity of about 300 people. Our section of the camp is alongside the railway siding and when the transport arrives they detrain, their identity cards checked against the nominal roll, then straight away to their rooms, which are generally allotted beforehand. Families with babies are given special accommodation in separate rooms where the mothers can heat food for the children.

The general procedure is that as soon as they arrive and are barely settled in their rooms, documentation begins. They come individually to the Adm. Office, according to their serial number on the nominal roll, and here their papers are duly filled in. Meanwhile baggage parties are detailed to unload the luggage which is placed in a storage hut. Also the chores in the camp are allocated and all able-bodied "alym" are expected to do a certain amount of work in the camp in addition to keeping their own rooms clean. As soon as the documentation is finished innoculations are carried out and at the same time the customs declarations forms are prepared. A few days later customs officials visit the camp and a control of the baggage is made. After this we just have to wait until the travel documents are ready. In the meantime there is plenty to do around the camp to prepare for departure. When we know the definite date of leaving baggage parties are once more detailed for the loading and UNRRA mountain packs - dry rations for two days - are issued.

Incidentally, a committee is always elected from amongst the transitees and they issue all instructions and detail working parties. This committee is also responsible for the cleanliness and sanitation of the camp.

The first transport was divided into two sections - the first arriving on the 13th March and the second a week later. In all there were 396 people. They came mainly from the various youth movements - young and eager boys and girls from the Kibbutzim in Belsen, impatient to be off, yet not wasting their time here, Hebrew lessons and other cultural activities playing quite a part in their daily lives. They left on April 1st and as the train pulled out to the strains of Hatkivah, we, the ones left behind, felt an odd mixture of emotions - tired, (we had hardly slept that night) happy that our brethren were at last leaving for their homeland, also a trifle forlorn - we had made so many new friends.

The second transport arrived on the 17th April. There were quite a number of middle-aged religious people also a fair number of young people from the organised groups. This time too, there was quite an amount of cultural activity and studying as a result. They were here just under a fortnight and left on May 2nd. Unfortunately this was a

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Friday and an unpleasant situation arose owing to the religious people objecting to changing trains on Sabbath when crossing into France, but at the last minute the train was signalled straight through and all ended peacefully. They numbered 261.

The third transport arrived somewhat later than was expected, this was on the 13th May at some unearthly hour in the morning. These people were quite different from the two previous transports. For the most part young married couples - there were 22 babies under one year - and this time they came not only from Belsen but from Luebeck, Neustadt and Hannover as well. They were content to sit in the sunshine and play with the children - in fact there was a very peaceful family atmosphere about the place in which we gladly joined. Owing to their late arrival the documentation had to rushed through in order for them to be able to leave as ariginally planned - this was done and they left within 9 days. This time 298 people left.

There was - now expected - a crop of minor difficulties in regard to trains etc., but the transitees were so helpful and co-operative that these were soon overcome and they left in good time to catch their boat. Appended is an "eye witness" account of the journey from Bocholt to Marseille.

With the co-operation of this rather interesting mixed team, this camp is being made as comfortable as can be expected. A recreation room is being set up and should be ready by the time the next transport arrives. It should be here sometime this week.

June 1st 1947.

Sadie Lewis.
Trudy Grossman.

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The Journey from the Palestine Transit Camp to Marseille.

The third transport left Bocholt on Wednesday morning May 21st. The transitees had worked very hard the day before loading 11 baggage wagons, but were nevertheless in good spirits. The train was a rather uncomfortable one as is usual with German railways these days, but to compensate there was enough room for everybody. Accompanying the transport were Dr. Katz J.A.F.P. Dr. Hahn A.J.D.C. and a C.C.G. official.

At Cologne the UNRRA flying squad provided a hot meal which was served down the length of the train. We then proceeded on to Forbach where there was a long halt, arriving there at 1 O'clock in the morning. There was a check of the number of transitees on the train by the French authorities and we moved off - en route for Metz - where we were to change on to a French train. Mr. Sklartz of the J.A.F.P. had gone ahead of the transport in order to arrange the accommodation on this train. We reached Metz at 5. a.m. and proceeded to move people and their baggage from one train to another. Unfortunately, the second train - although more comfortable - was much more crowded and we had some difficulty in fitting in the babies with the prams. Eventually another carriage was obtained and the people got settled and had their breakfast which was provided by the Jewish Community of Metz.

We left Metz at 13.15. hrs. to the strains of music played on the station loudspeaker and much waving and cheering by the inhabitants. Everyone was fairly tired bymthen and the Medical Officer was busy giving out aspirins. Next stop was Dijon at 19.00 hrs, for another meal and then right through the night, sleeping as best we could till Marseille. This was at 08.00 hrs on Friday morning. Here the transport was met by members of the Jewish Agency who had arranged all the shipping accommodation. The people were given their passports and ship tickets and caught the first glimpse of the "Providence" which was taking them to Haifa. Then there was a long and weary wait while everyone filed slowly on to the ship.

The escorting party was allowed on board the ship for a little while and we found there was some confusion about the accommodation and some of the babies had received rather cramped quarters, but we were assured that this would be rectified before the ship left. Loading the baggage caused some delay in the departure of the ship and by now everyone was exhausted with excitement and sleeplessness but despite this very happy and cheerful.

It is always a touching sight to see a ship leave, but how much more so to see our own people off to a new life at last. Some of these were friends that we had made during our work in other parts of Germany and there, the farewell was more personal. The joy they felt at shaking the dust of Germany off their feet was expressed on their faces and in the patience and energy with which they bore the gruelling, though exciting journey.

June 1st 1947.

Trudy Grossman.

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No. G.18/9

Draft. Letter for
Rt.Hon.A.Creech Jones,
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Secretary of State
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from

Ls Pakenham

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23rd June, 1947

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First, you are, I know, fully alive to the discouraging effect which the allocation to Cyprus has had on the more law-abiding Jews in Europe who in particular are distressed that the genuine persecutees of Nazi oppression must now see an indefinite postponement of the day when they hoped to reach the promised land. We, ~~as you know,~~ have every sympathy with these Jews, and I should like to ask whether you would consider a scheme for giving priority to ex inmates of concentration camps now in Cyprus without disturbing the total allocation. Such a concession would, I am sure, go some way to relieve the feelings of the other persecutees still in Europe.

Secondly, I understood that the principal reason why you feel it is impossible to disturb the existing allocation to Cyprus is that the granting of 750 certificates a month is now a regular feature so well known to the Cyprus Jews that any alteration of the figure would cause disturbances. I am also informed that at the present rate it would take about 20 months to clear the camps in Cyprus on the assumption that no further additions are made. During the same time and at the present rate we shall only have succeeded in

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28 June, 1947.

SUBJECT : Technical Instruction No. 13.
Operation "GRAND NATIONAL".

1. The following amendments to Technical Instruction No. 13 are notified:-

(a) Para 3, sub-para C at (ii) delete "unaccompanied children under 12 years of age" and insert "children under 14 years of age".

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(o) Para 3, sub-para C at (iv) delete "persons who are over 60 years of age" and insert "persons who are over 55 years of age, and relatives of Palestinians whose support is assured by private individuals not being their relatives or by Jewish Institutions provided

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Yrs sincerely

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To : PW & DP Division,
Headquarters,
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BERLIN,
B.A.O.R.

21 June, 1947.

SUBJECT : Grand National.

1. The J.A.F.P. have approached us for approval to change the place of embarkation for operation "GRAND NATIONAL".

2. They have had difficulty in chartering ships or obtaining berths on regular passenger services at MARSEILLES. In view of this, they have approached an Agency, The Adriatic Coy., GENOA, who have given them the priority for approximately 300 places on each of two ships, the "CITTA TUNISIA" and the "COMPANDOLIA", each approximately 4,500 tons, this priority to commence some time in AUGUST.

3. C.R.X. have stated that they can arrange a train to go from BOCHOLT direct to GENOA via the U.S. Zone of GERMANY, the French Zone of AUSTRIA and ITALY. This journey would take between three and four days.

4. Clearance to pass through the U.S. Zone, GERMANY, and the French Zone, AUSTRIA, can be obtained quite easily, and J.A.F.P. state that the Italian Government would give every facility for transit through ITALY.

5. Financial arrangements would be on the same basis as at present, i.e. J.A.F.P. are responsible for payment of movement outside the British Zone of GERMANY. They have agreed to be responsible for the feeding en route and any stay in GENOA due to delay of ship, etc..

6. Whilst this suggested change would entail certain difficulties, this movement is getting behind-hand, and the position will worsen since it is believed that it will be almost impossible to obtain ships from MARSEILLES in the near future. The Jewish Agency have approximately 2,250 certificates of which only 1,000 have been used to date.

7. Similar arrangements as for the journey to MARSEILLES can, of course, be made for this proposed journey, i.e. escorts, etc., and the proposal will undoubtedly mean the quickening of emigration.

8. J.A.F.P. have been informed that this proposal will be considered and that a decision will be given them as soon as possible, but not to anticipate this decision before the end of JULY.

H. VREDENBURG.
for Chief, PW & DP Division.

Copy of this letter has been handed to Mr. D. FREEMAN, Norfolk House, who will be returning to LONDON on 30 JUNE after visit to the Zone.

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1 JUL 1947
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FROM BERLIN TO FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION)

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30th June 1947

D 6.40 pm 30th June 1947

Repeated: Lemgo (PWDP)

R 8.20 pm 30th June 1947

Operation Grand National.

J.A.F.P. have produced proposals to change the place of embarkation for Operation Grand National from Marseilles to Genoa.

2. They maintain they have difficulty in chartering ships at Marseilles but can do this more easily in Italy from Genoa.

3. There do not appear to be any difficulties regarding land movement for such a change of port.

4. Arrangements for the movement of Jews in Grand National to Marseilles were negotiated by you and we consider that any change of procedure should be arranged by you as well.

5. May we have your comments please.

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4th July, 1947.

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Dear Robertson,

I mentioned on the phone this morning Berlin telegram of the 30th June to Foreign Office reporting that the Jewish Agency have produced proposals to change the place of embarkation for operation Grand National from Marseilles to Genoa. The Agency maintain they have difficulty in chartering ships at Marseilles but can do this more easily in Italy.

I have spoken to Miss Applebey (Foreign Office, German Department) and I gather that their present intention is to resist this proposal unless the Jewish Agency can produce the very strongest evidence in favour of it. It has been difficult enough to make arrangements for the transit of Jews across France and the Foreign Office do not relish the prospect of having to negotiate entirely new arrangements with the American authorities that would be necessary if the port of embarkation was changed to Genoa. There would in addition be serious risk of the infiltration of illegals from the American zone during the transit of the legal convoy.

Although there are large numbers of illegals in Italy awaiting shipment to Palestine I think there might be, from our point of view, some advantage in a move from Marseilles to Genoa, since our control in Italian ports is more satisfactory than in France. On the other hand there is much to be said for the argument that it is better not to permit the departure of a ship from Italy with legals on board if there is any prospect of getting one of the ships now in Marseilles (and over

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COLONEL T. A. ROBERTSON.

which we have no control at all) tied up in the legal traffic and thereby withdrawn from illegal operations for a short time.

I propose this question at the next meeting of the Working Party and have promised to let Miss Applebey know if we have any strong views.

I am sending copies of this letter to Miss Applebey, Dodds, Wood and Evershed.

Yours sincerely,

(J. D. HIGHAM)

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imagined by the fact that there is a back-log of ~~12,000~~ 1200 Jews in Höhne Camp who are documented and ready to depart but cannot go because there is no transport available. You can understand that this creates a very awkward problem for the Control Commission Authorities. I understand that an Agreement has been signed between the Jewish Agency and a shipping company called "The Adriatica" under which the Jewish Agency would make use of the Company's service from Genoa by Naples to Haifa which runs at frequent intervals. The Control Commission say that the administrative re-organisation which would be necessary to route Grand National travellers to Genoa instead of to Marseilles would not after all cause them very great embarrassment. They would be far less embarrassed by it in fact than by having to keep ~~12,000~~ 1200 excited Jews quiet at Höhne. They are also prepared to guarantee that the train to Genoa through the American Zones will be closely guarded and escorted and ~~certainly~~ every possible precaution will be taken to see that any attempt at illegal movement is frustrated.

In the circumstances I should be glad to have your agreement that Grand National may in future be routed through

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Genoa. I do not guarantee that there will not be one or two movements through France as the shipping situation dictates, but I think you can take it that in future the bulk of the movements will go through Genoa.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Higham of the Colonial Office with whom I have also discussed this problem, and I should be grateful for early remarks from the Colonial Office too.

I should be grateful if you could let me have a reply urgently as both the Jewish Agency and the Control Commission are anxious to put their plans into operation.

Yours ever,

MARY APPLEBEY

M. F. APPLEBEY (Miss)

G18/9 ~~#6A~~ 119A

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GENERAL DEPT 31A
C 2068
8 JUL 1947

July 7th, 1947

Dear Miss Applebey, M/A. 8/7.

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your letter to Mr.Beith.

I am horrified at the arrears and am taking the matter up with the Jewish Agency. I hope the change-over to Genoa, if approved, will not cause even greater delay. But, as the Jewish Agency are at present the body which must bear the criticism, (whether it be their fault or not) I think it wise to let them have their head - or else we may subsequently find ourselves involved.

Yours sincerely,

N.D. Beith

Miss M.F.Applebey,
G.1(e)
Norfolk House, S.W.1

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GENERAL REGISTRY

B3347

4 JUL 1947

Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
S.W. 1.

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3rd July, 1947.

overtaken by Chancellor's letter.

Dear Miss Appleby,

We have seen the record of the discussion with the Foreign Secretary on the 16th June at which the question of the allocation of immigration certificates for Palestine to Jewish displaced persons in the camps in the British Zone of Austria was discussed. We should now be glad to know if Lord Pakenham is likely to be shortly in a position to reply to my Secretary of State's letters of the 30th April and 24th May on this subject. The points we are particularly interested in are (a) the nature of the reply which you would suggest my Secretary of State should return to the representative of the American Joint Distribution Committee in the British Zone of Austria regarding the allocation of certificates to Jewish displaced persons there, and (b) your views on the reply which the High Commissioner for Palestine should return to the Jewish Agency on their representations on the same subject.

Yours sincerely,

W A C Mathieson

(W.A.C. Mathieson)

MISS M. APPLEBEY.

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G18/9

8th July, 1947.

Col. Logan Gray,
P.W.D.P. Division,
VIENNA.

My dear Colonel,

There is a Cabinet Committee here on problems connected with Jewish illegal immigration and as you may already know, they have appointed a special observor to look into the problem in Italy, Austria and Germany. This is to let you know that his name is Mr. C.P.J. Ruck. He holds the rank of Assistant Chief Inspector in the Immigration Branch at the Home Office.

I understand that he hopes to set out on his travels, coming to you probably from Germany, next week.

I have told him that the two people he ought to see in Vienna are you and Col. Hackett. I am sure you will both give him the benefit of your advice and experience.

Yours sincerely,

MARY APPLEBEY

Vienna telegram 596 of 1st July to F.O. refers.

Copy to Brig Kellar, Trieste.

IHW

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G.18/9

11th July, 1947.

Dear Colonel Solomon,

I have now heard from all the departments concerned that there is no objection to the proposed change from Marseilles to Genoa for operation Grand National.

I have seen Mr. Vredenburg and have asked him to take this up with the Jewish Agency as soon as he gets back to Germany. Perhaps you will be good enough to take parallel action in London.

This decision does not exclude the possibility of movement taking place through France. I think however, it should be made clear to the Jewish Agency that it is administratively easier to have one recognised route and not two. So far as possible therefore they should in future use Genoa only.

Yours sincerely,

MARY APPLEBEY

Colonel Solomon,
31a, St. James's Square,
S.W.1.

IHW

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G.18/9

11th July, 1947.

My Dear Ivor,

Will you refer to my letter to you of 1st May 1947 (G.18/9) in which I asked that the Political Division should arrange for notification of legal movements under operation Grand National should be sent monthly to the British Embassy in Paris over your wire.

You will now have seen BGCC 10514 in which we were asked to agree that the port of embarkation for Grand National should be changed from Marseilles to Genoa. I have this morning sent off a telegram saying that we have no objection.

As I understand it the legal emigration route will now lie through the American Zone of Germany, the French Zone of Austria and Italy. This means I think that your notifications will in future have to go both to Paris and to Rome. I have asked John Beith to take up the point with both Embassies and they will not, therefore, be surprised to receive notifications from you in future.

/The

I.T.M. Pink, Esq.,
Political Division,
H.Q. C.C.G. +(B.E.)
Berlin, B.A.O.R.

The difficulty which has led to this change has been the lack of ships available at Marseilles. I believe, however, that there may be occasions on which it will be easier for the Jewish Agency to charter a ship at Marseilles. In this case your notification will of course go to Paris as before.

If there is any difficulty about this perhaps you will let me know.

On the general position of operation Grand National you may like to know that we are still negotiating with the Colonial Office about an allocation of certificates to the British Zone of Austria and to the French. The Foreign Secretary has set his face against an allocation to the American Zone. It looks as though we shall have to give Austria and the French 25 certificates a piece from our own allocation. We have moved heaven and earth to get more certificates out of the Colonial Office to meet this new commitment but even with the biggest guns firing we have failed. We shall of course let you know officially when the negotiations are through.

Yours ever,

MARY APPLEBEY

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G.18/9

11th July, 1947.

Dear Mr. Cable,

This is to remind you that as a result of yesterday's Meeting of the Illegal Immigration Working Party, you agreed to inform the Embassies in Paris and Rome of the change of route for operation Grand National from Marseilles to Genoa.

I have myself written to Ivor Pink in Berlin and told him that you are clearing the position with the Embassies so that his notifications to Rome will not be received with surprise. I have told him that since the new route will pass over French territory (The French Zone of Austria) I think his cables to Rome should be repeated to Paris. This may be an unnecessary precaution but I thought it was just worth while.

If there is any other point which I have not covered perhaps you will let me know.

Yours sincerely,

MARY APPLEBEY

J. E. Cable, Esq.,
Eastern Department,
Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

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(Paraphrasing unnecessary)

Please put on G18/9. 127A

OUTWARD TELEGRAM

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FRO FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION) TO BERLIN

No 533 Basic

12th July 1947

SECRET

IMMEDIATE

Repeated: Vienna G/317
Lubbecke) No 745
Lemgo) Basic

D 12.30 pm 12th July 1947

GRAND NATIONAL

Reference BGCC 10514 of 30th June 1947.

We agree that the port of embarkation for Grand National should be changed from Marseilles to Genoa.

2. We have so informed the Jewish Agency in this country.

3. Arrangements are being made to notify Paris and Rome.

4. It is essential that escorts be provided and trains carefully guarded so that the risk of substitution of individuals etc. on the journey may be minimized.

Originator: Miss Applebey

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G.18/9

14th July, 1947.

Dear Mr. Vredenburg,

This is just a note to remind you that you were going to make arrangements to see that all movement under Grand National was notified to me well in advance so that I could tell the sleuths in this country.

Yours ever,

MARY APPLEBEY

H. Vredenburg, Esq.,
P.W. & D.P. Division,
Zonal Executive Offices,
66 H.Q. C.C.G. (B.E.)
Lemgo,
B.A.O.R.

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FROM VIENNA TO FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION) & BERLIN

A. CA/BGS(1)/227

SECRET

I EDIATE

14 July 1947

D. 5.30 p.m.14 July 1947
R. 0.25 a.m.15 July 1947

Your 533 Basic 12 July 1947 to Bercomb repeated Acabrit referring Grand National Bercomb reference BGCC 10514 of 30 Jun.

2. May we be informed immediately if this concerns us.

Action: Miss Appleby.

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Reply sent V 16/7/47.

Miss Drake.
This is all right isn't it
MFA

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GENERAL DEPT.
A5043
21 JUL 1947

Code: LEMCO 604.

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PW & DP Division,
Zonal Executive Officer,
C.C.G. LEMCO,
66 H.Q. C.C.G.
B.A.O.R.

15 July 1947.

To: DISTRIBUTION AS B/A/W:

Subject: Amendments to Technical Instruction No.13,
Operation 'GRAND NATIONAL'.

Attached herewith are copies of ours of even reference, dated 28 July 47, which it is regretted was originally sent out under an erroneous distribution.

for Chief, PW & DP Division.

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66 HQ. CCG.,
LEMGO,
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To : DISTRIBUTION AS BELOW

28 June, 1947.

SUBJECT : Technical Instruction No. 13.
Operation "GRAND NATIONAL".

1. The following amendments to Technical Instruction No. 13 are notified:-

(a) Para 3, sub-para C at (ii) delete "unaccompanied children under 12 years of age" and insert "children under 14 years of age".

(b) Para 3, sub-para C at (iii) add "and relatives of Palestinians whose support is assured by private individuals not being their relatives or by Jewish Institutions provided

(i) that names and other relevant particulars of persons to be selected are furnished to the Director of Immigration, and

(ii) the name and address of relative in Palestine or institution in Palestine guaranteeing that support, is furnished to the Director of Immigration, and no visa is granted until the latter informs the British Passport Control Officer, BERLIN that guarantee has been obtained."

(c) Para 3, sub-para C at (iv) delete "persons who are over 60 years of age" and insert "persons who are over 55 years of age, and relatives of Palestinians whose support is assured by private individuals not being their relatives or by Jewish Institutions provided

(i) that names and other relevant particulars of persons to be selected are furnished to the Director of Immigration, and

(ii) the name and address of relative in Palestine or institution in Palestine guaranteeing that support, is furnished to the Director of Immigration, and no visa is granted until the latter informs the British Passport Control Officer, BERLIN that guarantee has been obtained".

2. With regard to category (iii) at para 1 (b), the nature of the incapacity should be notified to the Director of Immigration and no visas issued without his prior authority.

H. VREDENBURG
for Chief, PW & DP Division.

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C 2122
16 JUL 1947

CONTROL OFFICE FOR GERMANY AND AUSTRIA,
NORFOLK HOUSE,
31A ST. JAMES'S SQUARE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

133A

July 15th,1947

Dear Miss Applebey,

I have seen Mr.Barlas of the Jewish Agency(in charge of transport arrangements to Palestine). He reports that he can deal with the 1 2oo outstanding certificates and the current month's quota during August, provided he can use both Marseilles and Genoa.

After he has cleared these arrears,he reports that he has sufficient shipping at his disposal at Genoa to continue the programme from that port alone.

With regard to Austria Mr.Barlas has calculated that he has 75 certificates to deal with(being 25 for each of the last three months) and wishes to know, whether,in view of the French quota not being used this month,he can add another 25 to the Austrian party making a total of loo,all of whom he proposes to send to Genoa.

Yours sincerely,

Miss M.F.Applebey,
G.1(e)
Norfolk House

CYPHER
(Paraphrasing unnecessary)

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION) TO ACABRIT (VIENNA)

A/406 SECRET

16th July 1947 IMMEDIATE

Repeated: Berlin No 699 Basic D 8.30 pm 16th July 1947

Your ACA/BGS (1) /1227 of 14th July concerning Operation GRAND NATIONAL.

If you are referring to the actual movement of trains through Austria from Germany en route to Genoa please contact Brigadier KENCHINGTON and make any necessary arrangements direct.

2. If you are referring to the question of the Austrian contingent, when agreed, joining any such trains in Austria now that these trains are to transit Austria perhaps you would advice us whether or not you wish us to take up with the High Commissioner for Palestine the allocation direct to Austria of whatever certificates it is eventually decided to grant Austria.

3. We are still awaiting a final decision on this question of allocating certificates to Austria. We shall however keep you advised.

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75113/95/47

Cypher (O.T.P.)

TO PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

FROM S. OF S., COLONIES.

Sent 17th July, 1947. 15.45 hrs.

No. 1555 Secret.

My telegram No. 866.

Immigration Certificates for Jewish displaced persons.

I have recently been discussing with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster the possibility of allotting a number of certificates to Jews in the British Zone of Austria. The question of allocation to Jews in the French Zones in Germany and Austraia has also been discussed with reference to a request consequent upon our representations to the French Government on illegal immigration. I have made it clear that you cannot contemplate any increase in the total allocation to Control Commission for Jewish displaced persons. This has been accepted by the Chancellor of the Duchy who now proposes that from his total allocation certificates should be sub-allotted as follows:

Vienna, Berlin, Lenz. (a) to Jews in displaced persons' centres in the British Zone of Austria, 25 certificates per month beginning June-July; Cl. Sloan.

Via Paris. (b) to Jews in displaced persons' centres in the French Zones of Germany and Austria, a total allocation of 25 certificates per month beginning July-August.

Immigrants will be selected on same basis as for British Zone of Germany and will be collected and documented at Bocholt in the British Zone. Machinery for distribution through Passport Officer, Berlin, will continue as at present to cover all immigrants. Please telegraph if these arrangements are acceptable to you.

Copy sent to:-

Foreign Office (German Dept.) - Miss Applebey.

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G18/9
GN/DIS/CER

17th July, 1947.

Dear Colonel Solomon,

Miss Applebey has asked me to reply to your letter of the 15th July about the shipping arrangements for the arrears of certificates in the British Zone of Germany.

I have notified Vredenburg in Lemgo that both the ports of Marseilles and Genoa are likely to be used to deal with the outstanding 1,200 certificates which you mention, and have asked them to co-operate in this movement to the best of their ability.

I think Mr. Barlas is misinformed, however, on the use of certificates in Austria. You will remember that we are still awaiting confirmation that an allocation has actually been made to Austria. We cannot, therefore, commit ourselves to using certificates in Austria until we have more definite news. I shall, of course, keep you notified of the developments in the Austrian situation.

Yours sincerely,

J. Drake

Colonel Solomon,
31A St. James's Square,
S.W.1.

GP

[redacted] - G18/9

By fast air mail
Confidential

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17th July, 1947.

Dear

We have been informed that Mr. Barlas of the Jewish Agency can deal with the 1,200 outstanding certificates and the current month's quota during August provided that he can use both Marseilles and Genoa. After he has cleared these arrears, he reports that he has sufficient shipping at his disposal at Genoa to continue the programme from that port alone.

It seems to us reasonable that if it is possible to clear arrears by using both these ports we should do all we can to co-operate, although it will mean, perhaps, additional work for yourself.

The purpose of this letter is to ask you to notify us as soon as possible of the actual dates that any transport is to take place from each of these ports so that we may inform the sleuths in this country accordingly.

Yours ever,

J. Bradley

H. Vredenburg Esq.,
PW/DP Division,
Zonal Executive Offices,
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66 H.Q. C.C.G., B.A.O.R.

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~~GENERAL DEPT.~~
C 2158
22 JUL 1947

July 21st, 1947

Dear Miss Applebey,

Enclosed is a copy of a telegram I have received from the Jewish Agency, Paris which contains detail suitable for Lemgo but not London. I have wired the Jewish Agency accordingly.

It would appear that, until the arrears are cleared off, which the Jewish Agency somewhat optimistically, is hoping to do next month, both Marseilles and Genoa ~~can~~ will be used.

I have written to Mr. Barlas following your letter of July 17 (G18/9) concerning the use of certificates in Austria.

Yours sincerely

W.D. Allen

Informed - each ✓
Shires R.C.S.
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London has recommended use of both ports to clear arrears.

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Solomon.

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G.18/9.
GN/DIS/C.

22nd July, 1947.

Dear Colonel Solomon,

Very many thanks for sending us the copy of the telegram which you received from the Jewish Agency and your reply thereto.

I note that you have told the Jewisn Agency to complete negotiations direct with LEMGO and in order to ensure that they are prepared for an approach of this kind, I have had the statistics of sailings, etc., telegraphed out to them.

I rang you up on Friday and Saturday about the Austrian quota but was not able to contact you to explain that we have not as yet had confirmation from the Colonial Office that the use of certificates in the British zone of Austria and in the French Zone have been approved. I hope this information did not cause you any embarrassment. There is, of course, no reason why the full quota of certificates available should not be expended on the British zone of Germany.

J Drake

Col. Solomon.
31A, St. James's Square,
S.W.1.

AD.

Confidential.

FOREIGN OFFICE,

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G18/9.

23rd July, 1947.

I am forwarding the copy of the telegram received from the Jewish Agency in Paris concerning the movement of Jewish displaced persons from the British Zone of Germany to Palestine.

The Jewish Agency in Paris has been advised to contact our operational Division in Germany direct to arrange the actual dates of departure, so that these figures are not necessarily correct.

We have asked for them to keep us advised of what their definite arrangements finally are and I will notify you as soon as these are received, but I thought that in the meantime, especially as both ports of Marseilles and Genoa are being used, you would like to have this advance information.

Joan Clark

D.J. Shires, Esq.,
Box 500,
Parliament Street,
Box Office, S.W.1.

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~~GENERAL DEPT.~~
C2184
25 JUL 1947

July 24th, 1947

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Dear Miss Drake,

Thank you for your letter of July 22nd. I have told the Jewish Agency not to make any arrangements in connection with the certificates for use in the British Zone in Austria until they hear further.

I am enclosing herewith the original letter from the Jewish Agency, Paris, dated July 19th which repeats more or less the information sent to me by them by cable. Mr. Barlas will have had my telegraphic reply to his cable directing him to arrange detail at Lemgo.

(b)

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Kleiman

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Miss J.Drake, M.B.E.
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הסוכנות היהודית לארץ ישראל
משרד פרים

1425

PARIS 19th July 1947 פרים

Col. Robert B.Salomon,M.C.,LL.B.
31 & St. James Square,
London, S.W.1.

Dear Col. Salomon,

In accordance with our conversation on the 14th inst., I checked the plan of transportation of immigrants during August, with a view to enabling the transport of 1300 immigrants in possession of certificates in the British Zone of Germany.

I informed you by cable of the results and I feel sure that it would be possible to arrange for the transportation until the end of August of the 1300 immigrants, provided the authorities in the British Zone of Germany will arrange for the documentation and railway journey. I suggested to send 4 transports during the period in question:

1 - Via Marseilles : 400 for the sailing of the 7th August,
300 " " " " 23th August.

2 - Via Genova : 2 transports for the boats sailing on the 6th and 14th August respectively.

I am waiting for the reply in order to confirm the reservations made zith the Adriatica, Kedmah, etc. for the transports, it being understood that the reservations must be confirmed at the earliest.

Hoping to hear from you shortly, I remain, dear Col. Salomon,

Yours sincerely,

Ch. Barlas

CH.BARLAS.
Director of the Immigration Dept.
J.A.F.P. Jerusalem.

Best Paper made in Belgium

CYPHER
(Paraphrasing unnecessary)

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION) TO LUBBECKE

No 1272 BASIC — SECRET

22nd July 1947 — IMMEDIATE

D 5.50 pm 22nd July 1947

Repeated: Berlin No 907 BASIC
Lemgo No 1272 BASIC

Operation GRAND NATIONAL.

Our No 745 BASIC repeated Berlin 533 BASIC of 12th July.

The following information has been received from the JEWISH AGENCY PARIS concerning shipping available Genoa and Marseilles; read left to right (a) Port (b) Date (c) Passages.

(a) Marseilles (b) 2/8 (c) 250. (a) Marseilles (b) 23/8 (c) 250. (a) Marseilles (b) 7/8 (c) 150. (a) Marseilles (b) 23/8 (c) 100. (a) Genoa (b) 6/8 (c) 150. (a) Genoa (b) 20/8 (c) 150. (a) Genoa (b) 7/8 (c) 250. (a) Genoa (b) 22/8 (c) 250. (a) Genoa (b) 14/8 (c) 250.

Total passages Marseilles 750. Total Genoa 1050.

2. Jewish Agency suggest following transports:-

(a) Marseilles one transport of 400 for the 7/8 sailing and one transport of 300 for 23/8.

(b) Two transports to Genoa for 6/8 and 14/8 respectively.

3. Jewish Agency has been advised to contact Lemgo direct to arrange details but we transmit above information for advance warning in view of nearness of move.

4. Please keep us advised of actual arrangements completed.

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INWARD TELEGRAM

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Cypher (O.T.P.)

FROM PALESTINE (Gen Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

1554.

D. 23rd July, 1947.
R. 23rd " " 14.20 hrs.

Not numbered Secret.

French 25 p~
B.2 Austria 25 p~

A.

Your telegram No. 1555.

Palestine certificate for Jewish D.P.'S.

Arrangements proposed are acceptable.

2. Final decision on Jewish Agency's request for sub-allocation to American Zone is still outstanding. My telegram No. 764 and your telegram No. 866 refers.

Copies sent to:-

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Mrs John
for Department

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COLONIAL OFFICE,

DOWNING STREET, S.W.1.

PERSONAL.

RECEIVED IN
18 JUL 1947
PRIVATE OFFICE

16th July, 1947.

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My dear Frank

Thank you for your letter of the 4th July about the allocation of immigration certificates for Palestine to Jewish displaced persons in Europe.

2. Let me deal first with your proposal that an announcement should be made that the release of 750 a month from Cyprus will only continue as long as necessary to clear the existing inmates of the camps and that thereafter the number will be reduced to 100 or some similar figure. As you know, I am not unmindful of the fact that it can be urged that the present system of releases from the Cyprus camps offers a certain inducement to inmates of D.P. Camps in Europe to try their luck in the stream of illegal immigration; but

(i) I find it difficult to believe that Jews would base their calculations on the assumption that the present monthly quota of 1,500 will remain unchanged for 20 months ahead. This quota has been approved in the existing circumstances in Palestine, pending a final decision. What that decision will be we do not know, but I hope that long before the 20 months are over, we shall have passed beyond the present phase.

(ii) My principal concern at the moment is to ensure that I am in a position to cope with the numbers of illegal immigrants arriving in Cyprus in the next 6 months or so. After every effort to increase the potential capacity of the camps to a maximum, we are still barely in a position to provide accommodation for the estimated inflow up to the end of this year and I cannot possibly, at the moment, gamble on the chance that there will be a substantial reduction during this period.

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The Lord Pakenham.

I personally doubt if any announcement on the lines you suggest would have any considerable effect on the volume of the illegal movement. It remains a possibility that the camps will, in fact, be unable to accommodate the number of arrivals, and I may actually be compelled to raise the question of approving an increase in the monthly release of 750 as the only way of meeting the situation.

(iii) Lord Winster and the Cyprus Government have been extremely helpful in assisting me in dealing with this problem, but the presence of large numbers of inmates in the detention camps is a matter of the gravest administrative and political difficulty to them and I am under an obligation to clear these camps with the least possible delay. I cannot therefore, in view of the probability that illegal immigration will continue, agree to tie my hands by an undertaking to limit releases to 100 a month after the present inmates have gone. If I did that Cyprus could quite reasonably demur to the admission there of the still large balance of the number the Governor has agreed to take.

3. Your suggestion that priority of release might be given to ex-inmates of concentration camps who are already in Cyprus would, I am afraid, have serious repercussions in the camps there and the practical difficulties of identifying those who would qualify under this category would be insuperable. There is already provision for giving some priority on compassionate grounds; but, owing to the difficulty of selection and the bitter feelings aroused by any interference with the "first in first out" principle, it has been found necessary to leave adjudication of such cases to the Jewish Agency.

4. You

4. You also suggest that the Palestine Government might be prepared to accept a small contingent of say 300 orphan children from Germany over and above the monthly quota. Here again I regret that I can see no possibility of admitting immigrants outside the quota. The Cabinet have felt that in the prevailing circumstances in Palestine no increase in the quota can be conceded. I share your desire to see these children removed as soon as possible from the distressing surroundings of the camps and I have just approved an arrangement whereby certain orphans in Cyprus will be admitted immediately to Palestine, on the understanding that they will be cared for there under a scheme prepared by the Jewish Agency and that they will be deducted from future quotas when their turn comes round. In the case of the children in Germany, since there is at present no order of priority, there could be no question of deduction from future quotas on these lines and in all the circumstances I feel only able to suggest to you that perhaps you could try to arrange, in fixing the composition of the monthly contingents released from your camps, that a special priority is given to the children.

5. I regret that I can write to you no more helpful a letter than this. I know your anxieties in this matter and wish it were possible for me to make some contribution to the solution of your perplexing problem. But with the best will in the world I cannot give you any satisfactory answer to your requests.

6. I am telegraphing to the High Commissioner regarding your proposals for the allocation of a small number of certificates monthly to Jews in the British zone of Austria and in the French zones of Austria and Germany and will send you a further answer on this point when I have his reply.

Agreed by
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Yours

A. Creech Jones

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(Paraphrasing unnecessary)

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION) TO BERLIN AND VIENNA

No 1105 Basic
A/358

SECRET

25th July 1947

IMMEDIATE

D. 8.45 pm 25th July 1947

Repeated. Lemgo (PWDP) No 1568 Basic

Grand National.

High Commissioner for Palestine has agreed the deduction from our monthly quota of certificates for the British Zone of Germany of an allocation of 25 certificates per month for the British Zone of Austria.

2. The Jewish Agency is counting on a backing of 75 certificates being available for the British Zone of Austria to cover the past three months and we confirm that this number may be so used for Austria.

3. It is requested that the documentation and travel of these 75 and of the future monthly allocation of 25 be cleared direct between Germany and Austria.

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29th July, 147

My Dear John,

You will remember that when we recently put up a letter for the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster to send to Mr. Creech Jones we made a suggestion that the total quota of immigration certificates for Palestine to be allocated to the French following your recent negotiations in Paris, should be 25 a month.

We have now heard from the Colonial Office that the High Commissioner in Palestine is prepared to agree to this figure.

I should be grateful for your advice as to how we are to proceed. I believe you felt that since your negotiations had taken place in Paris the figure of 25 should be communicated to the French Government by the Embassy in Paris before any notification to Germany or to the press is made. I am quite prepared to approach the French in this way and should be grateful if you would notify the Embassy in Paris accordingly, and would keep me in touch with developments so that

/I can

J.G.S. Beith, Esq.,
Eastern Department,
Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

I can in due course inform the Authorities in Germany.

You will remember that the original request from the French was that certificates should be allocated to the three Western Zones of Germany in proportion to the numbers of Jews held in each Zone. Under this proposal the French would of course have received about half a certificate a month while the Americans would have received something like 90 of the monthly quota. I think this argument might be stressed when putting over to the French the agreed figure of 25 since as you have pointed out yourself, they are almost bound to say that on a proportional basis the monthly quota as between them and ourselves would be more like 90.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Lord Jellicoe in the German Political Department.

Yours ever,

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G.18/9

Confidential.

29th July, 1947.

Dear Colonel Solomon,

I send you herewith a copy of the reply which we have received to Lord Pakenham's letter to Mr. Creech Jones, from which you will see that the answers to our questions are in every respect "no". I am glad to say, however, that the arrangements for the issue of the 25 certificates to Austria are approved and we have told Germany and Austria that 25 certificates are to be allocated every month in future, and a back-log of 75 certificates made available for the past three months.

As regards the French allocation we are still negotiating with the French Government and are not yet in a position to tell the Jewish Agency that recruitment may be started there. I will write to you (or to your successor) as soon as this point is cleared up.

Yours sincerely,

MARY APPLEBEY

Colonel Solomon,
31A St. James's Square,
S.W.1.

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G.18/9

29th July, 1947.

My Dear Ivor,

May I refer to my letter to you of 1st May 1947 (G.18/9) in which I asked that you should notify Paris of the legal movement of Jews under Grand National going through France so that difficulties with local consuls might be avoided. I believe this arrangement to have worked smoothly up till the movement which is due to take place on 5th August. In this case we have, however, had to intervene from London as no notification had gone from Berlin. I do not know whose fault this was but I would like to draw your attention to it since it is obviously desirable that the French should be approached in this matter from one quarter only.

I did in fact say in my letter to you of the 11th July that it was still possible that Grand National might on occasion be routed through France, and here is just one of those occasions.

I should be grateful if you could issue instructions to see that this does not happen again. I am sending a copy of this letter to Lord Jellicoe in the German Political Branch.

Yours ever,

MARY APPLEBEY

I.T.N. Pink, Esq.,
Political Division,
H.Q. C.C.G. (B.E.)
Berlin, BAOR

CYPHER
(Paraphrasing unnecessary)

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INWARD TELEGRAM

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FROM VIENNA TO FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION)

PWDP/65/V
25th July 1947
Repeated Berlin

SECRET
IMMEDIATE
D. 11 am 25th July 1947
R. 10 pm 25th July 1947

Your A/406 dated 16th July.

Your paragraph 2. Desirable that pick up of the Austrian contingent joining German contingent as train passes through Austria.

2. Desirable to take up with the High Commissioner for Palestine the allocation of certificates direct.

3. May we have fuller details of scheme as information on this subject is scanty here.

Signal sent Jr 6/8/47

Action. Miss J Drake (G18/9)(2 copies)

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Cypher (O.T.P.)

FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S. COLONIES

D. 11th April, 1947.
R. 11th " " 14.30 hrs.

No. 764 Secret

Your telegram No. 321.

Allocation of Immigration certificates to Jewish Displaced Persons in the British Zone.

Jewish Agency has asked that all certificates assigned to Germany from the next immigration quota should be allocated to Jewish Displaced Persons in the American Zone. Request is based on statement that number of Jewish Displaced Persons in the American Zone is 140,000 as compared with 20,000 in the British Zone, and that 1,264 certificates have already been allotted to the British Zone.

2. In view of the possibility that the Jewish Agency may seek to interest the State Department in this matter, I am referring this request to you, and I shall be glad of guidance as to the terms of reply. There is still a wide field of selection for immigrants from the British Zone.

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Cypher (O.T.P.)

TO PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

FROM S. OF S., COLONIES.

Sent 2nd May, 1947. 16.15 hrs.

No. 866 Secret.

Your telegram No. 764. Immigration Certificates for Jewish displaced persons.

I suggest for your consideration that your reply should be to the effect that, since the number of certificates available for distribution to Jewish Displaced Persons in Germany is in any case small in relation to the claims of both zones, distribution will for the present continue to be confined to the British zone where the necessary administrative machinery has been established to deal with a small regular allocation. You may add that their suggestion has been communicated to me and that I am considering it in consultation with other interested parties. As diplomatic representations may ultimately be received on this issue I am consulting the Foreign Office on the reply suggested above. It should not therefore be given until I telegraph further. If any interim reply is required you may say that the question has been referred to me and point out to the Jewish Agency that certificates issued by Department of Migration direct to relatives of Palestinians are allocated to priority cases irrespective of zone of residence. These form a sensible proportion of the total.

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

75113/95/47 Part II

Cypher (O.T.P.)

TO PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

FROM S. OF S., COLONIES.

Sent 1st August, 1947. 12.00 hrs.

No. 1713 Secret.

Your unnumbered telegram of 23rd July.

Immigration certificates for Jewish Displaced Persons.

Present policy is not (repeat not) to grant allocation of immigration certificates to Jewish Displaced Persons in American zone but it will be best subject to your views to confine any communication to Jewish Agency to line taken in first sentence of my telegram No. 866 which does not finally rule out a possible future change of policy. If you agree please so inform Jewish Agency.

2. You may be interested to know that a similar request was in fact made by American authorities for a special quota for orphans in American zone in May, but was refused by British authorities on grounds that Displaced Persons in British zone had stronger claims on His Majesty's Government than Displaced Persons in other zones and that American authorities had previously refused to grant allocation to British zone from immigration quota into U.S.A. allowed to Displaced Persons.

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CYPHER/OTP DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

FROM ROME TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir N. Charles.
No. 1,600.
25th July, 1947. D: 5.33 p.m. 25th July, 1947.
R: 8.42 p.m. 25th July, 1947.

Repeated to: Paris,
Genoa,
Marseilles.

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IMMEDIATE
SECRET

Your telegram No. 1,555 [sic].

Visa officer has spoken to Jewish Agency representative about this. Latter has been asked by his Paris office to arrange embarkation of 500 (repeat 500) legal immigrants from Italian port and has been trying to charter special vessel at Genoa. He has tentative offer of ship which could take group to Palestine in two trips. He seemed vague about Jewish Agency's embarking immigrants at Genoa rather than Marseilles and said that he assumed the immigrants from France would be embarked in any case at Marseilles and that his group would be arriving direct from Germany.

2. If Jewish Agency are prepared to charter special vessel I cannot see why she should not sail from Marseilles where, I understand, some of the immigrants are already assembled. Immigrants from Germany could surely be sent more easily by existing route through France than by Italian route. Another arrangement would be to use transports which are just arriving in France with illegals from the President Warfield and are presumably returning to Palestine.

3. With regard to the last sentence of your telegram under reference, we are not (repeat not) happy about the use of Genoa for legal traffic since (a) Genoa region is one of the main centres for illegal traffic (b) we strongly suspect that Jews are planning to use legal traffic as cover for smuggling through important illegals (on June 26th we received sign of this with reference to s.s. Elderan). Our friends at Ministry of the Interior have already informed visa officer that they do not wish to have their efforts to control illegal traffic further complicated by passage of large numbers of legal immigrants through Italy.

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4. If use of Genoa cannot be avoided, then it will be necessary to supervise operation very strictly. Italian police alone cannot be relied upon to ensure that only legal immigrants embark.

Foreign Office please repeat to Paris Immediate as my telegram No. 170 and Marseilles.

[Repeated to Paris and Marseilles.]

OUTWARD TELEGRAM

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Secret
Cypher/OTP

DEPARTMENTAL NO.1.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO ROME

No. 1642
July 29th, 1947. D. 3.40 a.m. July 30th, 1947.

Repeated to Berlin No. 2204
Paris No. 1734
Genoa Np. 55
Marseilles No. 4 Saving

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Your telegram No. 1600 [of 25th July: legal Jewish immigration].

We agree that there are objections to use of Genoa for legal immigration and arguments in paragraph 3 of your telegram under reference were considered here before decision was taken. You will, however, appreciate that they apply with equal force to Marseilles and you may take it that if transport facilities should become available via Marseilles (as is possible) we shall not express any preference for Genoa.

2. Jewish Agency have signed agreement with "The Adriatica" Shipping Company to make use of their service Genoa - Naples - Haifa. Control Commission are prepared to guarantee that train to Genoa through United States Zones will be closely guarded and escorted.

3. Please request Italian Government to grant transit facilities when you receive notification of approximate numbers and details of train from Berlin.

Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
S.W. 1.

15 C A

75113/95/47.

July 31, 1947.

Dear Miss Appleby.

--- I enclose for your information a copy of a telegram addressed to my Secretary of State by the Jewish D.P. Committee in the British zone of Austria protesting against the number of immigration certificates into Palestine which has been allotted to Jews in Austria.

If you think a reply is required we should be grateful if you would be good enough to suggest the lines on which it might be made.

Yours sincerely

John E. Fitzgerald

(E.N. Fitzgerald)

GENERAL DEPT.
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MISS M. APPLEBEY.

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To: The Right Honourable Creech Jones, M.P.,
House of Commons,
London, England.

Jewish Agency advises monthly allocation

25 Palestine certificates British zone Austria from 15 June. Regard figure disproportionate both to allocation British zone Germany and need of large number men women children waiting over two years since liberation for opportunity to restart normal productive lives. Appeal increase proportionate to numbers and allocation for past four months as in Germany.

Josef Pivnitchny,
Jewish D.P. Committee,
Admont,
British zone,
Austria.

MD.

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G18/9.

6th August, 1947.

I have seen a copy of your secret telegram No.1713 to Palestine concerning the allocation of immigration certificates for Jewish D.P.'s, and would like to draw your attention to a slight inaccuracy in paragraph 2 of the telegram under reference.

I think you will agree that the refusal to consider conceding any of the certificates at present being used in the British Zone for use in the American Zone is general and does not apply specifically to orphan children.

I think it is rather important that this distinction should be understood by the High Commission for Palestine, so that he may be in full possession of the facts when discussing these matters with the Jewish Agency.

J. Higham, Esq.,
~~Commonwealth Relations Office,~~ Colonial Office
Downing Street,
S.W.1.

MD.

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G.18/9.

6th August, 1947.

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Miss. Applebey has asked me to reply to your letter of 31st July, concerning the protestations made by the Jewish D.P. Committee in the British Zone of Austria.

In replying we feel that so far as we are concerned the point should be brought out that it has been possible to make the concession of 25 certificates a month to the British Zone of Austria only by deducting that number of certificates from the allocation made to the British Zone of Germany. We have also reduced this overall allocation to the British Zone of Germany by a further 25 certificates which are being given to the French element and it is pointed out that of these, some may be used by the French Authorities in the French Zone of Austria.

The reduction and final clearance of Jewish D.P.'s from the British Zone of Germany will in the long run work to the advantage of similar D.P's in the British Zone of Austria, since we can then increase the allocation to them.

/The

E.N. Fitzgerald, Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
Downing Street,
S.W.1.

The general question of the size of the overall allocation of certificates to displaced persons is, of course, a matter for your department.

Joan Dash

CYPHER
(Paraphrasing unnecessary)

161A

OUTWARD TELEGRAM

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION) TO VIENNA

A/406

6th August 1947

SECRET
IMMEDIATE

Repeated. Berlin No 1528 BASIC
Lemgo (PWDP) No 2234 BASIC

D. 4.30 pm 6th August 1947

Operation Grand National.

Your PWDP/65/V of 25th July.

1. Since we were not successful in obtaining a separate allocation of certificates for the British Zone of Austria and have had to deduct the quota of 25 per month from the overall quota granted the British Zone of Germany it seems simpler that complete documentation should be carried out in Germany. We are however prepared to be guided by you when you when you have had an opportunity to discuss the movement with representatives of PWDP Division Germany.

2. Your para 1 and 3. Vriedenburg of PWDP (Lemgo) is understood to be sending your Division practical details of the workings of the scheme together with suggestions for documentation and travel. Our own knowledge here is confined to information contained in our G18/9 of 15th May, as augmented by telegram G/317 of 20th June, defining categories of persons eligible for this operation. If there is any point not clear please let us know.

3. We should appreciate being kept in the picture.

ORIGINATOR. Miss Joan Drake G18/9

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(Paraphrasing unnecessary)

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION) TO LEMGO PWDP

No 2229 BASIC — SECRET

6th August 1947 — IMMEDIATE

Repeated. Berlin No 1523 BASIC — D. 5 pm 6th August 1947

Operation Grand National.

1. Please ensure that in all future movements:-

(a) Berlin (Political Division) is given full advance warning of train timings because it is that Division which is responsible for notifying Paris and Rome of the movement. We should like to be put on the Distribution of any such telegram for information only. It is suggested that a tentative schedule could be given well in advance and that this might be confirmed nearer the start of the movement.

(b) The Jewish Agency understands that unless exact timings are given you 14 days in advance transit visas etc will not repeat not be ready in time for movement to take place. We will take up this point here too.

(c) Once movement has begun exact numbers despatched are signalled to us.

2. Please ensure that special attention is given to advance warning of Genoa movement since this is the first time this port is to be used.

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G18/9

8 August, 1947

I have promised P.W. & D.P.Division Germany that I would take up with you the question of advance notification to that Division of the timings of any individual transport of displaced persons moving under operation Grand National.

Our difficulty is mainly this: whenever one of these moves takes place it has been agreed that our Political Division should through their own channels advise the French that transit visas will be required on a certain date for a specific number of Jewish immigrants. Communications being what they are, such notification to be effectual in the shape of the necessary instruction to the French Consul in Düsseldorf, needs to be well in advance of any actual movement. This advance warning was not forthcoming during the recent move to Marseilles and if we had not taken firm steps from London, which we dislike doing on principle, I believe that the required transit visa would not have been available during this holiday season for our Grand National people to leave Germany.

This/

Colonel Solomon, M.C., L.L.B.
31a, St. James's Square,
London,
S.W.1.

This is an event we should not want to occur. P.W. & D.P. Division are of course responsible for tying up the times, numbers etc., but I consider if you would be so good as to draw the attention of the Jewish Agency to the necessity of keeping Mr. Vriedenburg, (P.W. & D.P. Division, Zonal Executive Offices, Control Commission for Germany, Lemgo, 66 H.Q. C.C.G., B.A.O.R, telephone Lemgo 604) advised of the following :-

(i) Names of ships to be used

(ii) Exact time and date train leaves Remagen (etc.)

(iii) Route followed - roughly

(iv) Time and date of arrival at port.

(v) Time and date of departure from port.

and pointing out to them that the information is required in the interests of the emigrants themselves and that if it is not available we cannot guarantee the procuring of the necessary transit visa, that your help would add weight to the request I/

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I do not wish to make a molehill out of this and have advised Lemgo, as the attached telegram shows, to approach the Jewish Agency themselves but I am sure requests from you would add weight to such an approach.

Jan Drake

CYPHER
(Paraphrasing unnecessary)

ACTION COPY

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INWARD TELEGRAM

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FROM LEMGO (PW/DP) TO FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION) VIENNA BERLIN AND LUBBECKE.

CCG 75281

SECRET.

153A?

7th August 1947.

D. Noon 7th August 1947.

R. 1.00 am 8th August 1947.

Your PW/DP/65/V refers.
Documentation for Grand National.

A. After Selection by Board applicants should bring with them DP Registration Cards signed by Chairman of Selection Board.

B. All other personal identity documents.

C Medical Certificate which J.A.F.P. will arrange.

D. Eight photographs full face in which ears must be shown. No headress or wigs to be worn. This applies to both sexes.

E We understand as result of conversations TAYLOR LEVINE those selected will be transported by road to Bocholt Transit Camp Land North Rhine/Westphalia British Zone of Germany after which we will document as for all others on Grand National Move.

F. Essential you issue complete and fully authenticated movement order with six nominal rolls signed by Chairman of Selection Board and PW and DP Officer.

G. To prevent misunderstandings we should have as long as possible advance notice of each move and route

Action. Miss Joan Drake

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Plus flagged A
Certificate allocation

Mr Adams

165 B.

G18/9.

May this & will the Treasury papers in G18/9 (if there is not already a copy.

Mr. Morris Dean.

Deduction of Certificates for Immigration into Palestine from the Quota allocated to Jewish Displaced Persons in the British Zone of Germany for the use of 134 Polish Jews at present in Scotland.

1. Attached in N.9249/191/55 is a letter from the Chancellor of the Exchequer suggesting that the only way to effect the entry, at this present time, of the 134 Polish Jews at present in Scotland is for a reduction to be made in the number of certificates for immigration to Palestine allocated to Displaced Persons in the British Zone of Germany. It will be further noted that in N.16287/2615/55 that the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster was to be asked to give a decision on the priority to be afforded these Polish Jews in Scotland for entry into Palestine.

A decision on this point will now have to be taken.

2. In considering the request of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the following points should be borne in mind.

(a) A reduction of the monthly quota of certificates allocated to the British Zone of Germany has already been made to the extent of some 50 certificates per month, 25 of which go to the French Zones of Germany and Austria and 25 to the British Zone of Austria. In so far as the British Zone of Austria is concerned, we may be said to have covered our own interests in dealing with the Displaced Persons problem for which we are responsible. However, in so far as the allocation of certificates to the French Zone is concerned, we may be said to be co-operating with the Colonial Office, etc. in attempting to control illegal immigration into Palestine, since this quota is intended to gain the support of the French in controlling the transit of their Zone and of France by their control of illegal immigration.

(b) That the suggestion as put forward for docking the Cyprus quota of immigration certificates gives a quota which encourages illegal immigrants and is played down on each occasion because of the firm attitude taken by the Colonial Office on this question.

(c) Although it must beadmitted that the Polish Jews in Scotland have fought for Great Britain, our responsibility towards them has been recognised by their transfer from Italy to this country and their position should be no worse than any other members of the Polish Armed Forces who fought under British Command and who are seeking entry into other countries.

(d) In addition, these Forces under British Command must be enjoying conditions in Scotland materially in advance of those enjoyed by the Jewish Displaced Persons in camps in the British Zone of Germany, apart from the fact that members of the Polish Armed Forces under British Command they must have secured their freedom of movement long before that of the Jews at present in Germany.

3. It is for consideration, therefore, whether

(a) A firm attitude should be taken to resist the pressure from the Departments concerned to reduce the monthly allocation of certificates allocated for the British Zone of Germany by the 134 certificates necessary to effect the emigration of the Polish Jews in Scotland, in view of the fact that the Colonial Office will most likely refuse to reduce the 750 certificates allocated to the illegal immigrants at present detained in Cyprus and, the High Commissioner for Palestine equally refuses to

/that /reduce

the allocation of certificates to the close relatives of persons already resident in Palestine ~~or~~

and

(b) Whether in view of the fact that the 134 Polish Jews in Scotland have fought for Britain during the war, should we agree to a reduction of one monthly quota of certificates for the British Zone of Germany, stipulating at the same time, that such a reduction must not create a precedent for considering the monthly allocation of immigration certificates for the British Zone of Germany as being the immigration quota par excellence which can be reduced whenever uncomfortable demands of this kind occur.

4. Having fought so hard in this Section (see Tags A and B, G18/9) for increasing the certificates allocated to the British Zone of Germany, the view is held that we should refuse to consider a deduction from the allocation for the British Zone.

5. German Political Department has requested that the papers be transferred by hand to Eastern Department as quickly as possible. Perhaps this could be done direct, the decision taken being noted on File G.18/9, if it is decided to take such a decision at a high level.

Ext. 263.
Room No. 234.
Norfolk House.
11th August, 1947.

Locke

CYPHER
(Paraphrasing unnecessary)

IMMEDIATE

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166A.

INWARD TELEGRAM

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FROM VIENNA TO BERLIN

PWDP/65/V.

12th August, 1947.

SECRET.

D. 3.30 p.m. 12th August, 1947
R. 7.30 a.m. 13th August, 1947

Repeated: Foreign Office (German Section).

Reference Foreign Office (German Section) signal A/406 of 6th August 1947 and this Division's signal even reference dated 1st August, 1947.

2. Request soonest your instructions and full information.

Signal sent to Berlin repeated Langley (Allied Control Vienna

Immediate Information Miss Joan Drake.

618/9

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION) TO BERLIN (PWDP)

No. 1997 BASIC.

SECRET.

14th August 1947.

IMMEDIATE

Repeated Lubbecke)
Lemgo (PWDP)) No. 2910 BASIC.
Vienna - A/406.

D. 8.00 pm 14th August 1947.

Grand National.

165 A

Vienna's telegram PWDP/65/V of 12th August to Berlin.

It would appear that telegram CCG 75281 of 7th August from Lemgo to Vienna concerning the practical proposals for documentation of Austrian contingent has not been received in Vienna.

2. It is suggested that not only should this telegram be now repeated but that in addition copies of

(a) Technical instruction number 13 plus amendment of 28th June.

(b) First report on Grand National of 21st April.

(c) Minutes of conference on same subject held in Lemgo on 28th January (all of reference PWDP/58322/6/SEC) be sent direct to Colonel LOGAN-GRAY for his personal information.

Originator. Miss Joan Drake

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Reference .....

P.S. to D.U.S.

When I saw D.U.S. this morning he asked me to let him have a draft minute. This is attached. In the attached folder I have placed a copy of the letter which the Chancellor sent to Mr. Creech Jones last month about 300 certificates for orphan children in Germany and about 100 further certificates for D.Ps. in Germany and Austria. Mr. Creech Jones' reply is also enclosed in this folder

I have also placed in this folder a copy of the Note which Lord Pakenham recently submitted to the Secretary of State about the total monthly allocation.

D Fraser.

14th August, 1947
German Refugee Department

Papers returned to Chancellor.

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Chancellor

JEWISH MEMBERS OF POLISH FORCES
PROPOSED GRANT OF CERTIFICATES FOR PALESTINE

The total monthly quota of certificates is 1,500, and of these 750 are allocated for illegal immigrants in Cyprus and about 350 for close relatives of Jews already in Palestine. We only get what is left over - about 400, and this has to be sub-divided as follows:-

D.Ps. in British Zone of Germany	350
D.Ps. in British Zone of Austria	25
D.Ps. in French Zones of Germany and Austria	25

(We give up the 25 to the French to gain their support in controlling illegal immigration through their Zone and through France.)

I do not dispute that these Poles in Scotland who fought under British Command merit priority but if they are to be placed at the head of the queue, I feel strongly that it should certainly not be at the expense of our D.P. quota. As the High Commissioner of Palestine does not consider that the Poles merit priority, it is clear he will not agree to give up any of the "close relatives" quota, and it therefore comes to a question of inducing the Secretary of State for the Colonies to give up 134 of the Cyprus certificates. The number is not large and if anyone is to suffer I think it is only just that it should be the illegal immigrants. I suggest that we should write to Mr. Creech Jones in this sense.

D strongly agree.
Sgd. P. (Ackland)
14/8

The Colonial Office have been rather uphelpful in giving us certificates for our D.Ps. and have recently rejected a request we made for 300 certificates for orphan children in Germany and for 100 to be divided equally between ourselves (for C.C.G.) and the French (for their Zones of Germany and Austria).

M. J. DEAN.

14th August, 1947

D.U.S.

171A

A/5303.

18 AUG 1947

SECRET.

Tel: LEMGO 604.

Ref: PWDP/58322/6/SEC

PW & DP Division,
Zonal Executive Offices,
C.C.G. LEMGO,
66 HQ C.C.G.
B.A.O.R.

15 August, 1947.

To: PW & DP Division,
HQ Control Commission for Germany (BE),
BERLIN,
B.A.O.R.

161A 162A

Reference Foreign Office Signal No. 1523 BASIC, No 2229 BASIC of 6 August, 1947 (SECRET).

1. As much advance information of each move to MARSEILLES and GENOA will be forwarded to you as soon as possible with a copy to LONDON.

2. Paragraph (b) of the above quoted Signal is not correct.

We have repeatedly told J.A.F.P. here and in PARIS, that it is essential for them to inform us of names of ships; date, time and place of sailing, before we can arrange for train to the quayside. Exact timing of ships has nothing to do with the preparation of visas etc. What we do NOT want is a large number of persons waiting at these ports and our original plans were based on the train meeting the ship.

It has not always been possible because the Jewish Agency were unable to obtain sufficient berths for one train load on one ship; thus part of a train load has had to wait a few days for another ship.

3. We are now awaiting details of sailings etc. from GENOA before we can arrange a move through this port.

4. Mr. GOLDBERG of the J.A.F.P. PARIS Office, who has arranged the moves through MARSEILLES, is visiting this zone in the next few days when it is hoped that we will be able to clarify some of the past difficulties. Bad communications has been one of the main difficulties.

5. From November '46 unto 15 August '47 :

2,538 Certificates have been issued.
2,020 Persons have left under this movement.

In this number is included a few "normal certificates". There are, therefore, approximately 550 un-used certificates to date. From this can be deducted 75 allotted to the British Zone of Austria (25 per month commencing in May). In addition to this it is understood that some are allotted to the French Zone of Germany. It is hoped to send away at the end of this month about 350 to 400.

From the above it will be seen that we are no longer behind in moving these people, except for the Austrian allocation.

6. We hope to arrange a train to MARSEILLES on or about 26 August to fill/

the under-mentioned Ships :-

Name of Ship	Date of Sailing	Place of Sailing	No. of Persons
RENA	27 August, 1947	MARSEILLES	250
CIRENIA	30 August, 1947	"	100
KEOMA	4 September, 1947	"	130

7. The above information will be confirmed by Signal as soon as possible.

H. VREDENBURG.
for Chief, PW & DP Division.

Copy: Control Office (German Section),
Norfolk House,
St. James's Square,
LONDON, S.W. 1. (for attn. Miss Mary Applebey).

PW & DP Division,
HQ C.C.G. (B.E.),
BERLIN,
B.A.O.R.

HV/FMC.

CYPHER
(Paraphrasing unnecessary)

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION) TO VIENNA

A/406 SECRET

20th August, 1947 IMMEDIATE

Repeated BERLIN (PWDP) (No. 2235 Basic) D. 5.35 pm 20th August 1947
LEMGO (PWDP) (No. 3327 Basic)

GRAND NATIONAL.

We are informed that a rumour is circulating in the Jewish D.P. camps in the British Zone of Austria that the allocation of 25 certificates per month granted to these persons for emigration to Palestine has been cancelled.

2. There is, of course, no repeat no truth in this rumour and you are requested to ensure that it is denied through whatever channels seem most appropriate to you.

3. We hope that you will soon be able to inform us THAT first contingent (including the 75 backlog for the months of May, June, July) has left for the Bockholt Transit Camp, Germany, for final documentation and onward routing. (CCG 75281 of 7th August refers).

ORIGINATOR. Miss J. Drake (G18/9)

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Mrs Appleby

A/5361.

Tel: LEMGO 604.

Ref: PWDP/58322/6(SEC).

22 AUG 1947

PW & DP Division,
Zonal Executive Offices,
C.C.G. LEMGO,
66 HQ C.C.G.
B.A.O.R.

19 August, 1947.

To: PWDP Division,
Allied Control Commission for Austria,
VIENNA,
C.M.F. (For attn. Col. LOGAN-GRAY).

SUBJECT : Operation "GRAND NATIONAL".

1. Confirming Signal PWDP/58322/6 of to-day's date: quoted below is Signal CCG/75281 PWDP/SEC, which we understand you have not yet received :-

"Your PWDP/65/V refers(.) Documentation for GRAND NATIONAL(.) A(.) After selection by Board applicants should bring with them DP Registration Cards signed by Chairman of Selection Board(.) B(.) Any other personal Identity documents(.) C(.) Medical certificate which JAFP will arrange(.) D(.) Eight photographs full face in which ears must be shown(.) No head-dress or wigs to be worn(.) This applies to both sexes(.) E(.) We understand as result of conversations TAYLOR/LEVINE those selected will be transported by road to BOCHOLT Transit Camp Land North Rhine Westphalia British Zone of Germany after which we will document as for all others on GRAND NATIONAL move(.) F(.) Essential you issue complete and fully authenticated movement order with six nominal rolls signed by Chairman of Selection Board and PW & DP Officer(.) G(.) To prevent misunderstandings we should have as long as possible advance notice of each move and route(.) "

2. Enclosed is copy of Technical Instruction No. 13, together with Amendments, also first report of 21st of April and Minutes of Conference held in LEMGO on the 28th of January.

H. VREDENBURG.
for Chief, PW & DP Division.

HV/FMC.

Copy: Foreign Office (German Section)
Norfolk House,
St. James's Square,
LONDON. S.W. 1.

PWDP Division,
HQ CCG (BE),
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

Miss Appleby 179A

Miss Drake -

This seems all right.
MFA
4/9.

Yes - but may we not
ask to be put in the
distribution to the 'addressee'
mentioned in para 4(b) so that we know
how many people
are moved.

ALLIED COMMISSION FOR AUSTRIA
(British Element)

PW & DP Division

Ext : 668

DP1/65/V

28 August 1947

To : CCAO, Land Steiermark,
(for DP Section)

Camp Commandant,
"Q" DP Assembly Centre,
Admont.

JAFP Representative,
C/o "Q" DP Assembly Centre,
Admont.

Copy to : PW & DP Division,
CCG,
CONCOMB. BAOR.

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Zonal Executive Offices,
CCG, LEMGO, BAOR.

PW & DP Division,
CCG, BERCOMB, BERLIN.
BAOR.

M & MC, LUBBECKE,
CCG, BAOR.

Foreign Office,
(German Section)
Norfolk House,
St. James's Square,
LONDON, SW 1.

GSI (b),
ACA (BE)

Political Division,
ACA (BE).

Deputy Director,
PW & DP Division,
C/o HQ BTA.

Z 4/9/47.

Subject : Operation "GRAND NATIONAL"

1. The representative of JAFP has now made a preliminary selection of emigrants for Palestine.

2. The Commandant of "Q" Assembly Centre, Admont, will forthwith set up a selection board consisting of himself as president and a representative of the JAFP to consider the above mentioned list of names and satisfy itself that these persons fall within the priority categories as laid down in paragraph 3 of C.C.G. (B.E.) PW & DP Division Technical Instruction No.13 reference PWDP/58322/6/SEC dated 26 Marcj 1947 and amendments to Technical Instruction No.13 reference PWDP/58322/6/SEC dated 28 June 1947. Copies of these are being forwarded under separate cover.

3. (a) The chairman of the selection board will sign the DP Registration Cards of successful candidates.

(b) The representative of JAFP will arrange for the issue of medical certificates.

...../(c)

(c) 8 photographs of each successful candidate will be made, full face in which ears must be shewn. No head-dress or wigs may be worn by either sex.

4. (a) DP Section, Land Steiermark will arrange to issue the necessary movement orders with 6 nominal rolls signed by the chairman of the selection board and counter-signed by an officer of DP Section, Land Steiermark, and will arrange movement to Bocholt Transit Camp, Land North Rhine, Westphalia, British Zone of Germany. Necessary clearance will be obtained by PW & DP Representative, BTA.

(b) Advice of each move and route should be communicated as early as possible in advance to PW & DP Division, Graz, with copies to Lemgo, Bercomb Berlin and M & MG Tubbecke and this Division. also F.U. (Graz Section).

(c)\.....

5. Camp Commandant, "Q" Assembly Centre, Admont, will ensure that selected candidates move with all their personal documents.

6. All further documentation will be carried out at Bocholt Camp.

For Colonel,
Director, PW & DP Division.

Amended.
JHA 12/9.

(c)\.....

C.O.G.A.
NORFOLK HOUSE
POST ROOM
4 SEP 1947
ALLOCATED TO:-
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180A

The following letter has been filed "Top Secret" as G18/49.

To Commander W. Strachey

From J. G. S. Beith

5th Sept 1947.

In this reference is made to Paris Tels 851 dated 1/9/47 re suggestion by Ministry of Supply about Foreign affairs to be created by adding quota for Palestine allocated to F.O.

ALLIED COMMISSION FOR AUSTRIA
(British Element)

0 RG 3 182 A.

To : CCAO Land Steiermark, (for DP Section).

: Camp Commandant, "Q" DP Assembly Centre, Admont.

FW & DP Division

Ext: 668

DP1 / 65/ V

8 Sept 47

Copy to: Deputy Director, FW & DP Division, C/o HQ BEA.

Foreign Office, (German Section) Norfolk House, St. James's Square, LONDON, SW 1.

GENERAL DEPT. A5585 12 SEP 1947

Subject: GRAND NATIONAL.

Ref: DP1/65/V dated 28 Aug 47.

Reference para 4 (b) add Foreign Office (German Section) to distribution for advice of movement for their information.

JLJ/EK

Major
For Colonel,
Director, FW & DP Division.

TA 12/9.

Done (179A). WA. 12/9.

C.O.G.A.
INORFOLK HOUSE
POST ROOM
12 SEP 1947
ALLOCATED TO:-
CR219

Mr Irving. Jul

Mrs Appleby.

No doubt Mr Irving will like to know

that our Irish Austrian contingent of Jews

under Irish National has left Austria

en route (via Germany) for Palestine

JA 12/9

Please file 12/9

B.A.O.R.

Copy to:-
Combined Travel Board,
Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany,(B.E.),
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

Subject: Latin-American Repatriation Scheme.

(Attention Mr. Walton (PWDP). Miss Bowers (C.T.B.))

Attached are lists of Nationals who applied under Block of the Latin-American Repatriation Scheme for exit from the British Zone of Germany:-

(a) To whom permission for exit has been given subject to acceptance by the authorities and provision of passports etc.

(PW and DP Division will concentrate these persons for Screening by the authorities and for eventual exit under the scheme en masse, unless it is specifically requested that any person proceeds as an individual and by a specified route).

(b) To whom permission to leave Germany has been refused and who are not to be granted exit permits.

(A review of some of these cases may be undertaken on the direct request of the Foreign Office).

302(e)

INWARD TELEGRAM

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183A

Cypher (O.T.P.)

FROM PALESTINE (O.A.G.)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 15th September, 1947.
R. 15th " " 20.30 hrs.

IMPORTANT

No.1737 Top Secret.

Addressed S. of S.
Repeated Cyprus No.202.

Your telegram No.2095 (No.470 to Cyprus).

Certificates for Jews in France and Italy.

I have noted the views of the Governor of Cyprus in his telegram to you No.491. Any disturbances in Cyprus camps cannot but react on the security situation here, and from past experience I apprehend that aversion to cutting the Cyprus sub-allocation by 250 a month will cause most serious trouble among the detainees. A recent approach to the Jewish Agency on the subject of Afghanistan Jews (vide my telegram No.1293) has made it clear that the Agency attaches first priority to Cyprus detainees so that we cannot look for their assistance in calming excitement which would be caused in camps by reduction of quota. I therefore concur with original views of the Governor of Cyprus that it would be most undesirable to make a deduction from the 750 certificates a month allotted to Cyprus to provide certificates for Jews in France and Italy.

2. The objections to earmarking certificates from non-Cyprus portion of the quota to specific countries in Europe have been stated in my telegram No.1690. I realise that they are

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not (wrong group ?conclusive). If H.M.G. consider substantial advantage would be derived from allocation of monthly sub-quotas to France and Italy, I would be prepared to waive my objection, but I consider it inadvisable to fix a specific number. Statutory commitments usually amount to some 150 certificates a month, leaving a free balance of 600 certificates which is divided equally between British Zone of Germany and the Director of Immigration's sub-allocation for relatives in Europe of Palestine residents. It may however on occasion be necessary to reduce the number of certificates available for the two latter categories in order to cover exceptional circumstances such as mass arrival of illegal immigrants (compare with case of the 663 Czechs in my telegram No.1686 - 189 to Cyprus). I therefore suggest the following formula:-

(a) Non-Cyprus quota 750 certificates

(b) Statutory commitments and illegal immigrants from Europe entering Palestine by subterfuge

(c) (a) minus (b) that is to say, balance of some 600 to be divided into two equal halves, one half being allotted in equal shares to Italy and France, the other equally divided between the British Zone of Germany and the Director of Immigration. This would give about 150 each to Germany, France, Italy, and the Director of Immigration in Palestine.

3. If a special allotment is to be made to France and Italy, it should be stipulated that priority be accorded to relatives of Palestine residents.

Distributed to:-/

Reference G.18/9

Eastern Department, Mr. Beith.
South East Asia Department, Mr. Tull.

I have every sympathy with the Afghanistan Jews mentioned in the High Commissioner's telegram at 186A. I appreciate that the humanitarian reasons which induce the High Commissioner to consider the grant of certificates are strong ones. At the same time it seems to me that the moral responsibility for anything that may happen to these people if they are deported rests with the Government of India and not with the British Government. I should not, therefore, think that we should concede certificates on purely humanitarian grounds.

The High Commissioner suggests that 50 certificates a month should be allocated to these Jews, 25 each being deducted from the present sub-quotas from (a) German Camps and (b) Relatives in Palestine. We have already fought this kind of suggestion on a proposal that 130 Polish Jews in Scotland should obtain immigration certificates. The reasons which we advanced at that time against any deduction from the German Camp quota apply with equal if not greater force to this suggestion.

The question of the Polish Jews from Scotland is now being referred to the Secretary of State for discussion with the Colonial Secretary. We have strongly advised that an effort should be made to induce the Colonial Secretary to encroach upon the sacred Cyprus quota even by a token amount. The fact that we have recently accepted 4,000 Jews in Germany who would otherwise have gone to Cyprus makes it more difficult for us than ever to consider giving up any part of our small monthly quota.

For these reasons I am strongly opposed to the suggestion that any deduction should be made from the German Camp quota.

Mary Applebey.

Room 234
Norfolk House.
18th September, 1947.

M.F. APPLEBEY (Miss)

I think that the Cyprus quota should be docked at least to an equal amount with the German Camps and Compassionate quota. But the CO are apt to have the last word on this.

In general, I think we should meet the Jewish Agency: now that the Palestine Question is going to the UN it would be unfortunate if these Afghanistan Jews were to be sent back and slaughtered through undue rigidity on our part.

H.S. Beith
Sept. 18

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Mr. Tull has been in hospital for some time.

The treatment of Jews in Afghanistan is still bad, though as a result of our representations there is some reason to believe that the worst restrictions have been removed. I do not think they are being much affected as Jews by the present disturbances, which seem to be entirely communal between the Moslems, Sikhs and Hindus.

I have no opinion on how the other quotas should be adjusted.

Peter Murray, 18/9.

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Sir Oliver Harvey.

I am sorry to trouble you again over the question of the Palestine Quota. We are now being pressed to give up a part of our D.P. quota for these Afghanistan Jews in India. I still think the pressure should be resisted.

If the Jewish Agency are pressing for this they should surely be charged with responsibility for explaining to the least deserving Jews - i.e. those in Cyprus - why their quota is being blocked.

I submit this paper since it raises the same point as you already have before you from Mr Hankey on the Polish Jews from Scotland.

Mary Applebey.
19/9.

We should certainly ~~resist~~ refuse any reduction of the quota for Jews in German camps in favour of Afghan Jews. The latter have even less claim than the Polish Jews to come out of our German quota. We must stand firm and keep the German quota for the German Jews which is by far the most inflammable (Zionist) commitment we have.

OM.

19th September, 1947.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

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INWARD TELEGRAM

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

Cypher (O.T.P.)

FROM PALESTINE (O.A.G.)

D. 15th September, 1947.
R. 15th " " 20.45 hrs.

IMPORTANT
No. 1738 Secret.
Reply Urgently Required.

Your savingram No. 176.

Afghanistan Jews. (300 @ 50 a month = 6 months).

Agency are pressing for allocation to these Afghanistan Jews (?of omitted) 50 certificates a month from European quota, 25 each being deducted from the present sub-quotas from

(a) German camps, and
(b) Relatives in Palestine.

2. For reasons given in my telegram No. 1737 it would be inadvisable to make any sub-allocation from Cyprus quota.

3. I am still not convinced that the claims of these Afghanistan Jews is more deserving than that of occupants of D.P. camps in Europe, but the Agency represents that it is, because their state will be worsened if they are sent back to Afghanistan, and that if even first monthly quota of 50 could be granted, India could be asked to postpone deportation for further 6 months.

4. Should you consider that their admission would not unfairly prejudice chances of European Jews, I should be prepared to arrange accordingly for admission to Palestine of these 250 Afghanistan Jews against deductions made from European quota.

5. As only 15 days remain before the date of their threatened deportation from India, I should be glad to receive an early reply.

OUTWARD TELEGRAM

Colonial Office Reference No. 75113/96/47

FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

With the compliments of the U.S. of S.
Colonial Office.

75113/96/47

Cypher (O.T.P.)

Date 23.9.47

Reference G 18/9

TO PALESTINE (C.A.G.)

Sent 22nd September, 1947. 10.30 hrs.

IMMEDIATE
No.2233 Secret

Your telegram No.1738. Afghan Jews.

India Office advise that it is extremely improbable in present circumstances that Government of India would be able to implement decision to deport Jews from Bombay to Afghanistan through Pakistan. They are also of the opinion that other present preoccupations of Government of India are so pressing that they are unlikely to turn their attention seriously to the deportation of Jews from Bombay. In these circumstances, Foreign Office share your view that claims of these Afghan Jews are not as high as those of occupants of DP camps in Europe and are, therefore, unwilling to see a proportion of their quota used to affect the entry of Jews from India to Palestine.

2. We cannot, however, be absolutely certain that threat of deportation will not be carried out and I therefore suggest for your consideration that a small number of certificates, e.g. 25, be allotted at first opportunity from the block available to the Director of Migration with an indication that it is hoped to make further allotments from some source in the not too distant future. Such an allotment might be sufficient to guarantee further delay in deportation. It is not considered that any regular monthly allotment should be promised. With the whole future of the arrangements for Jewish immigration into Palestine so much in the balance this seems hardly the time to make any long-term alteration in the present arrangements for the allocation of the current quota.

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INWARD TELEGRAM

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

Mrs Drake

Cypher (O.T.P.)

FROM PALESTINE (O.A.G.)

D. 24th September, 1947.
R. 24th " " 18.00 hrs.

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IMMEDIATE
No. 1800 Secret.

Your telegram No. 2233.

Afghanistan Jews.

I agree with suggestions in your second paragraph. Following telegram dated 23rd September has been sent by Director of Immigration to Chief Secretary Bombay. Begins.

Please grant immigrant visas for Palestine to 25 Afghan Jews to be nominated by representatives of Jewish Agency Bombay. Should appreciate it if you would inform Indian Government of this allocation. Visas to be noted MC/44/47/Immigrant. Ends.

2. It is hoped that this will induce Government of India to postpone deportations of remaining Afghan Jews, but I should be grateful for your assistance in making such representations as may be desirable to this end.

Ja 27/9.

Colonial Office Reference No. 75113/96/47

With the compliments of the U.S. of S.
Colonial Office.

Date 26 9 47.

Reference G 18/9

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22nd September, 1947.

Dear Mr. Mathieson,

I spoke to you on the telephone on Saturday about the telegram from Palestine which you referred to me at Mr. Henley's meeting on Wednesday (No.1730) about the possibility of giving immigration certificates for Palestine to 300 Afghanistan Jews at present in India.

As I told you on the telephone, I am afraid we cannot agree that the case of the Afghanistan Jews is more pressing than that of displaced persons in Europe. We feel that any moral responsibility for the future of these Jews rests not with the British Government but with the Government of India, and that their claim on the British Government for consideration in receiving certificates for Palestine cannot be compared to that of the European D.Ps. and is not even as strong as that of the Polish Jews in Scotland.

This is just to confirm that we should not, therefore, be willing to agree to the High Commissioner for Palestine's suggestion in so far as it affects certificates for German camps.

Yours sincerely,

MARY APPLEBEY

E.A.C. Mathieson, Esq.,
Colonial Office.
WHITEHALL, S.W.1.

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Mrs Drake.

En Clair

DEPARTMENTAL NO.2.

FROM BERLIN TO PARIS

(Military Governor)

No. 149. D: 11.35 a.m.30th September,1947.

30th September, 1947. R: 11.20 a.m.30th September,1947.

Repeated to: Rome,
Foreign Office No. 1,385.

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IMPORTANT

Operation Grand National.

Party numbering 350 leaves British zone on October 1st arriving Forbach evening of same day. Due to leave Marseilles in s.s. Kidmad and Transjevannia on October 5th and 7th respectively. Party includes 100 Jews from Austria.

Foreign Office please pass to Rome and Important to Paris as my telegrams Nos. 21 and 149 respectively.

[Repeated to Rome and Paris]

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Shaw informed 1 Nov by phone N.A.

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18TH SEPTEMBER, 1947

CABINET

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE

LEGAL IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE - ALLOCATION OF MONTHLY QUOTA

Note by the Secretary

The following statement as to the present allocation of the 1,500 monthly quota of legal immigrants to Palestine is circulated for consideration at the next meeting of the Illegal Immigration Committee.

The Quota is at present divided as follows;-

(a) 750 certificates are granted to immigrants detained in Cyprus

(b) An average of 100 to 200 monthly are issued to meet essential statutory commitments of the Government of Palestine (e.g. for Service men recruited in Palestine and now demobilised there)

(c) Half the remainder are allotted to parents and minor children of people now in Palestine (i.e. about 300)

(d) Twenty five each month are allotted to D.P.'s in the French Zone of Germany

(e) Twenty five each month are alloted to D.P.'s in the British Zone of Austria

(f) The rest are issued to D.P.'s in the British Zone of Germany, (i.e. about 250).

2. A suggestion has recently been made (Annex I) that a small number of certificates each month should be issued to applicants in France at the expense of the Cyprus quota; it was represented that the elements in the French Government who at present encourage illegal immigration might desist if they knew that any renewal of the clandestine traffic would result in the withdrawal of the legal quota.

3. This suggestion was put by the Colonial Office (Annex II) to the authorities in Cyprus and Palestine. In their replies, the Governor of Cyprus reminds the Colonial Office of the condition on which his predecessor agreed to accept would-be immigrants to Palestine (Annex III), and the O.A.G. Palestine, after pointing out the disadvantages of a re-allocation (Annex IV) suggests a different re-allocation (Annex V) whereby quotas for Italy and France would be found at the expense partly of the British Zone of Germany and partly of those at present awarded to relations of people now in Palestine.

(Signed) W. EVERSHED

Cabinet Office, S.W.1.

18TH SEPTEMBER, 1947.

ANNEX I

Extract from telegram No. 851 dated 1st September from Paris to the Foreign Office.

His Majesty's Minister has been informed by M. Bousquet of Ministry of Foreign Affairs that he is already encountering difficulties in securing the execution of the passage in the decision of the Council of Ministers to the effect that a Commission would be set up with the task of making arrangements to receive back the"President Warfield" Jews and of taking measures to prevent a recurrence of such incidents.

2. He recalled that we had lately offered the French Zone of Germany a monthly quota of 25 visas for Palestine. Speaking very confidentially and informally he enquired whether, as there were few candidates in the French Zone, we could not make this quota available for France as well and at the same time substantially increase it. He suggested that this would cut the ground from under the feet of the Jewish bodies who might be preparing to make difficulties over the return of the "President Warfield" immigrants to France. It would also provide an inducement to future would-be immigrants to go through orthodox channels. Finally, if we were at the same time to announce that any renewal of the clandestine traffic would entail the withdrawal or reduction of the legal quota we would make it more difficult for elements at present ill-disposed on this issue (this means, though he did not say so, the Socialist Party and especially their Ministers) to continue to facilitate the illicit traffic.

3. M. Bousquet should on no account be quoted and if we decide to proceed with this suggestion it should come as an initiative from us.

4. I consider that it merits urgent consideration and if it is to be effective for the purposes mentioned above the quota must clearly be as large as we can make it. I suggest that a proportion of the present allocation of visas to Cyprus might be added to the present average monthly rate of issue of visas to applicants in France plus the 25 offered to the French Zone of Germany. Colonial Office would doubtless be reluctant to agree to this for understandable reasons but it must be remembered that your decision on "President Warfield" has relieved Cyprus of the need to accommodate 4,500 persons.

5. I realise that you will not wish to give countenance to the quota of 8,000 Jews whom the French Government permit to enter France. But the policy of allowing such a quota is a settled one which will not be reversed by any representations from us.

ANNEX II

Extract from telegram No. 470 dated 7th September from Colonial Office to Cyprus and repeated to Palestine as telegram No. 2093

In discussions with French Government on disposal of PRESIDENT WARFIELD Jews, French representative put forward confidentially and informally proposal that monthly quota of 25 immigration certificates at present allowed to French Zone of Germany should be increased and at the same time made available for Jewish would-be immigrants already in France (Paris telegram No. 851 to Foreign Office, repeated to Jerusalem refers). A similar proposal has been made that in view of the large number of Jewish refugees in Italy a quota should be allocated to that country in making up future lists for legal immigration into Palestine.

To comply with these suggestions might increase readiness of the French and Italian Governments to co-operate in suppressing illegal immigration traffic especially if a condition were attached that quota was available so long as no illegal immigrants left French or Italian shores. Such quotas could however be provided only by deduction from one of the existing allocations, e.g. by cutting the Cyprus quota to, say, 500, and allotting 125 certificates to France and Italy each. I assume that you would see strong objection to such a reduction but, before proposal is discussed further with Foreign Office, I should be glad to receive any observations you and O.A.G. Palestine may have to offer and your estimate of likely reactions in Cyprus and Palestine.

ANNEX III

Extract from telegram No. 491 dated 10th September, from Cyprus to Colonial Office.

As you assume, I have the strongest possible objection to the deviation of the Cyprus quota to any other source of immigration into Palestine. In addition to this suggestion, I have currently under consideration telegram No. 187 from Palestine repeated to you No. 1686 in which I am asked to forego 331 certificates for September - October quota. I would recall to you the importance which was attached to the allocation to Cyprus of the largest possible quota in correspondence exchanged with my predecessor at the time he agreed to accommodate Jews in Cyprus (ending with your telegram No. 464 of 29th October, 1946). Decision then made amounted in effect to an equal division of the quota between Cyprus and all other sources, and although it did not amount to a precise commitment in respect of future quotas, you are fully aware of the trouble that has followed upon any appreciable deviation from that principle. Although (vide your telegram No. 137 of 26th March, 1947) I agreed to accept illegal immigrants to a greater maximum in order to meet pressing

necessities with which you were faced, I could not have done so had there been any suggestion at that time that the quota allocated to Cyprus might be reduced. Indeed I consider the large number already in Cyprus more than justifies an increase in the local quota, and I cannot emphasize too strongly the importance I attach to the principle that the proportion allocated to Cyprus should be at least maintained and should not be attacked upon every occasion of circumstances elsewhere making desirable the special provision of certificates.

ANNEX IV

Extract from telegram No. 1690 dated 8th September from Palestine to Colonial Office.

I presume you would not favour any reduction of sub-allocation of immigration certificates, which is assigned to displaced persons in Germany. Any increase assigned to France would therefore have to be deducted from the quota now controlled by the Director of Immigration. Assuming this, I see following disadvantages:-

(a) The creation of monthly sub-allocation to France would encourage demands, which it would be difficult to resist, by other countries such as Belgium and Italy.

(b) If the sub-allocation handled by the Director of Immigration is to be divided territorially, the principle of priority application must be abandoned.

(c) It is doubtful whether the Director of Immigration would be able to administer the allocation on a territorial basis, and we should probably have to seek the help of the Jewish Agency, which would be most unlikely (? corrupt group) principle granting certificates to close relatives of Palestine residents, particularly parents.

(d) The number of certificates which could be assigned to France would be only some 50 a month. It seems improbable that this small number would achieve anything.

ANNEX V

Extract from telegram No. 1737 dated 15th September from Palestine to Colonial Office.

I have noted the views of the Governor of Cyprus in his telegram to you No. 491. Any disturbances in Cyprus camps cannot but react on the security situation here, and from past experience I apprehend that aversion to cutting the Cyprus sub-allocation by 250 a month will cause most serious trouble among the detainees. A recent approach to the Jewish Agency on the subject of Afghanistan Jews (vide my telegram No. 1293) has made it clear that the Agency attaches first priority to Cyprus detainees so that we cannot look for their assistance in calming

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3. If a special allotment is to be made to France and Italy, it should be stipulated that priority be accorded to relatives of Palestine residents.

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Recd: 15/10/47
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INWARD TELEGRAM

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

Mrs Drake

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Cypher (O.T.P.)

FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

D. 11th October, 1947.
R. 11th " " 21.35 hrs.

No.1905 Secret.

Your telegram No.2322.

See 170A.

Polish Jews in Scotland.

I agree to the proposal that Polish soldiers and their dependents, named in your savingram No.206 of 19th September and totalling 131 persons, should be allocated immigration certificates in equal instalments from the quotas for October-November and November-December, half the number in each month being debited from the allocation for displaced persons in the British zones of Germany and Austria and half to the Director of Immigration's allocation for relatives in Europe of Palestine residents.

2. The Director of Immigration has notified the Chief Passport Officer London that visas for Palestine may be issued to 131 persons named in your savingram No.206 of 19th September. It would be appreciated if it might be ensured that each is in possession of a passport or travelling document to which visa may be affixed.

Copies sent to:-

Foreign Office - Private Secretary.
Treasury - Private Secretary.
Home Office - Private Secretary.
War Office - Private Secretary.
Foreign Office - Mr. R.M.A. Hankey.
" " (German Section) - Miss Applebey.
War Office (A.P.F.I.) - Lt.Col. L.R.Talafer.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

26th September, 1947.

(N 10385/191/55)

Secret.

Dear General,

I enclose a copy of a letter from Mr. Ivor Thomas at the Colonial Office and of Mr. Bevin's reply regarding the Polish Jews now in Scotland who want to go to Palestine.

As you will see, we have, with some reluctance, agreed to the Colonial Office's proposals for the solution of this problem. The important thing now is to get them away as soon as possible and I presume you will make the necessary arrangements with the Colonial Office. Our interdepartmental discussions showed that the Colonial Office fix up quotas for each month on the 15th of the month, so zero hour is 15th October if you and the Home Office wish to be rid of them in October and November.

Yours sincerely,

(Sigd.) R.M.A. Hankey

Lieutenant General
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(E 10385/191/55)
SECRET

26th September, 1947.

Dear Ivor,

Thank you for your letter of the 4th September about the one hundred and thirty Polish Jews in Scotland who want to go to Palestine.

In all the circumstances I am prepared to accept the solution which you propose. I have been influenced in coming to this decision by the fact that eighty per cent or more of the relatives of Palestinians are, in fact, understood to be in the United States zone of Germany so that, by adopting your plan, very little more than half of the total quota deductions will fall on the British zone of Germany. You realise, I know, how anxious I am to spare our authorities there extra burdens especially as they have recently taken the four thousand Jews from the "President Warfield". Therefore we could not accept the present case as a precedent.

I assume that you will now proceed as soon as possible to obtain the concurrence of the Officer Administering the Government of Palestine to this arrangement.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to Chuter Ede and to Bellenger.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) Ernest Bevin

Ivor Thomas, Esq., M.P.,
Colonial Office.

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Polish Jews in Scotland wishing to go to Palestine.

Our views on this question are set forth in the Secretary of State's letter at N 9249 (Flag A) to which Mr. Ivor Thomas now replies. We had suggested docking the Cyprus quota (750 monthly) in order to let in the Polish Jews from Scotland. (134 in number). Mr. Ivor Thomas is against this but suggests admitting the Polish Jews to Palestine in two monthly quotas of approximately 60 each, to be docked equally from the quota for close relations of Jews already in Palestine (350 monthly) and the quota for D.Ps. in the British Zones of Germany and Austria (375 monthly). That is to say that for two months running those quotas would be reduced from 350 and 375 to 320 and 345 respectively.

The Secretary of State has minuted within: "They are so petty minded about this but see what you can do to get rid of it". I take this to mean that, while the compromise suggested by Mr. Ivor Thomas is rather a miserable one, it should be accepted as a pis aller.

We have simply got to settle this question now. It has dragged on for 8 months at very considerable expense to the taxpayer and to the great inconvenience of the military authorities and Home Office. If we do not now accept the Colonial Office's suggestion, which involves a very slight reduction of the quotas concerned, the whole thing will go back into the melting-pot. ..

If, as we hope, this is agreed, we should draft to the Colonial Secretary accordingly, asking him to get immediate concurrence from Jerusalem.

(Sigd.) C.S. . Hancock

8.IX.

German Refugee Department first.

The Colonial Office naturally see the problem from the point of view of the Colonial Office. From an objective point of view, however, their proposal to deduct 60 certificates from the D.Ps' 300 while leaving the Cyprus 750 quota untouched is quite immoral. It is the old game of yielding to force or threats of force, and giving way to those who make the most fuss and have the least deserving case, at the expense of the more law-abiding Jews. The logical result of such a policy is to drive the Jewish D.P's in the British Zone to adopt the same tactics as those in Cyprus. They would have all the greater inclination to create disturbances now that 4000 illegal immigrants from the Warfield have been added to their number.. In the mood they are in now we cannot overlook the possibility of violence.

I consider that this question should be considered at the 1.1.8. Committee at a meeting where the German point of view can be fully represented. I think it likely that the War Office might take our side and declare that the Colonial Office's fears about the possibility of trouble in Cyprus are exaggerated.

J.W.L Ivimy

Northern Department. 11/9.

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Sir O. Harvey.

I should be grateful if you would look at this file.

2. Briefly there are 134 Jews from the Polish Armed Forces who have been in Scotland for a year now waiting for a decision to be taken how they can be sent to Palestine.

3. It is now agreed that they will go to Palestine. The question is against what quota of immigrant they will be debited.

4. The monthly quotas are as follows:-

Cyprus	750
Close relatives of Jews already in Palestine	350
Displaced persons in British Zone of Germany ..	350
Displaced persons in British Zone of Austria ..	25
Displaced persons in French Zone of Germany and Austria	25
TOTAL ..	1500

These figures should be:

Cyprus	750
Inescapable commitments ..	150
close relatives ..	300
B.Z. Germany ..	300
(from which (are deducted) 25 for Austria &) 25 for the French)	
TOTAL	1500

5. The Secretary of State minuted on 23rd August " I cannot see why the Colonial Secretary should not take these away extra." He wrote to the Colonial Secretary on August 25th (see Flag A), emphasizing that these Polish Jews have fought for us and deserve preferential treatment and urging that, in view of our accepting in the British Zone of Germany the 4,000 Jews from the "President Warfield", they should be charged against the Cyprus quota.

M.F.A. 18/9.

N.B. These figures except for the Cyprus quota vary slightly from month to month.

6. Mr. Ivor Thomas replied in the absence of the Colonial Secretary on September 4th (Flag B) saying that the Cyprus quota could not make any contribution owing to the risk of disorders in Cyprus and suggesting that these Poles should be admitted in two monthly quotas of approximately 60 each, deducting half of this number from the allocation for the relatives of Palestinians in Europe and the other half from the allocation of displaced persons in the British Zones of Germany and Austria (i.e. it would be a little more than 30 per month for two months against each of the quotas mentioned). The Secretary of State minuted "they are so petty minded about this but see what you can do to get rid of it."

7. In view of the continued reluctance of the German Refugee Department to charge the whole of this amount to the quotas for relatives of Palestinians and for the British Zone and in view of your telephone conversation with me, I have held a meeting with representatives of the War Office, Home Office and Colonial Office at which Miss Applebey of German Refugee Department was present. We all pressed the Colonial Office most strongly to make a contribution at least from the Cyprus quota. Mr. Mathieson was absolutely unyielding and it was apparent that his instructions precluded his being otherwise. He said that the Cyprus quota must really be regarded as untouchable and that there were serious riots

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amongst the Jews in Cyprus a short time ago when 10 per cent of the Cyprus quota was taken for another purpose, and that both the Governor of Cyprus and the Commander in Chief were categorical that it must not happen again unless they were to lose control of the situation altogether. He said that he was quite sure the Colonial Secretary would be unwilling to over-rule both of them especially if they were supported by the High Commissioner for Palestine.

A. 8. It transpired during the meeting that 80 per cent or more of the relatives of Palestinians are, in fact, in the American Zone of Germany so that if we were to adopt the Colonial Office suggestion, very little more than half would, in practice, fall on the British Zone of Germany. Nothing else of interest transpired from the meeting, except that a decision must be reached before October 15th if they are to be sent to Palestine during October and November, and that all arrangements for sending them will now be made by the War Office on the assumption that a decision will be reached.

9. Everybody agreed at the meeting that it was absolutely imperative that a decision should now be taken in view of the time this controversy has gone on and the very undesirable situation in Scotland where these Jews are getting restive.

10. A decision is, therefore, now needed whether, in view of the Secretary of State's minute, we will accept the Colonial Secretary's proposal. If we cannot do so, I am satisfied that there is no further use arguing at official levels and the only possibility is for the Secretary of State to speak himself to Mr. Creech Jones while the latter is here. He is at present held up in Jamaica owing to the hurricane off the coast of America but is supposed to be here for the Cabinet Meeting on Saturday about Palestine, after which he will be leaving for the Assembly of U.N.O. Therefore, there is no time to be lost. I am afraid, however, that Mr. Creech Jones may find difficulty in overruling the advice of the Governor and Commander in Chief of Cyprus and of the High Commissioner for Palestine.

11. If the Secretary of State decides to speak to Mr. Creech Jones, I venture to recommend that we should let the Colonial Office know in advance in order that Mr. Creech Jones may be fully informed of the situation before the conversation, otherwise the subject may be new to him.

(Signd.) R.M.A. Hankey
17th September, 1947.

Miss Applebey first.

Sir O. Harvey.

I agree with Mr. Hankey's minute. The question of the Polish Jews from our point of view is a small one, but the principle involv ed in a settlement of the question is not. It amounts to deciding whether our precious quota is to be jeopardised every time an urgent request arrives for a small allotment of certificates, or whether it is to be regarded as secure and deductions made from the allocation to Cyprus. It has always been our contention that the Cyprus quota should be docked. It is founded on expediency only, while that of the close relatives and of the D.P.s is founded on justice.

(Sigd.) Mary Applebey
18/9.

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The situation in Cyprus is ticklish, not only in respect of the Jews there, but also in respect of the normal inhabitants. I have therefore some sympathy with the Colonial Office.

In view of the marked passage in paragraph 8 of Mr. Hankey's minute, it appears that the British Zone will only be penalised to the extent of about 15 or 20 per month for two months, and I personally should advocate accepting the Colonial Office view.

(Sigd.) C.F.A. Warner
19th September, 1947.

Mr Freeman (The Duing Office 75113/44/47. C18/9
for information only.

7/10/47.

(We have no record of the Ministerial discussions referred to in the second sentence but I understand that when the papers were submitted to S.O.S. his comment was that "he wished people would not be so petty minded"!)

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Reference .....

P.S. to Chancellor

Reference the attached telegram from the Colonial Office. This department does not appear to have been kept informed of the Ministerial discussions referred to, and I should be glad if you could let me have a copy of the record of any meeting which presumably would have been attended by the Chancellor. If you do not know of any such meeting, I should be grateful if you would make enquiries amongst your Private Secretary colleagues.

German Refugee Department
10th October, 1947

J. M. Swing

Mr. Hancock,
Northern Dept.

The Chancellor did not attend any such meeting, as far as I know, but P/S to Sir S. tells me he knows all about the background of Norfolk House/C.O./F.O. controversy on the allocation of Nansen certificates. Could you advise me if Mr. Swing's suggestion that his Dept. were not kept in the picture?

C. H. Anderson
P.S. to Chancellor
Room 35 F.O.

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Nothing to be Written in this Margin.

Minutes.

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P.S. to Chancellor of Duchy of Lancaster.

There was no ministerial discussion on this matter apart from the pretty considerable exchange of correspondence in the pp attached. As will be seen from N 10385 German Refugee dept were kept fully informed

Anthony Meyer
[MEYER]
13/x/47.

Mr Irving

Mr. Freeman

To see and dispose of.

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Please file all these papers together

on 6/10/19

JA 23/10/47.

COLONIAL OFFICE TELEGRAM

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Cypher (O.T.P.)

TO PALESTINE (General Sir A. Cunningham)

FROM S. OF S., COLONIES.

Sent 2nd October, 1947. 09.30 hrs.

IMPORTANT
No. 2322 Secret.

My telegram No. 206 Saving of the 19th September. Polish Jews in Scotland.

My savingram under reference indicated that negotiations had been resumed regarding the allocation of immigration certificates to the group of Polish Jews in Scotland who are anxious to immigrate to Palestine. As a result of Ministerial discussion it has now been agreed that subject to your concurrence this group should be admitted to Palestine in two equal monthly quotas deducting half from the allocation for displaced persons in the British Zones of Germany and Austria and half from the Director of Migration's quota for relatives of Palestinians in Europe. These Poles are members of the Polish Forces towards whom His Majesty's Government have admitted special obligations and His Majesty's Government feel that on all counts they are deserving of some degree of special consideration. Moreover their continued retention in the United Kingdom is not only a great inconvenience to our military authorities and to the Home Office but also imposes a considerable burden on the United Kingdom tax-payer. In all the circumstances it is felt that while the administration of immigration is still in the hands of the Mandatory some arrangement should be made for their admission to Palestine.

2. Should the above proposal be acceptable to you it might be possible to allot certificates from the October - November and November - December quotas and arrange for the transport of the group in the middle of November. In view of the difficulty of arranging transport grateful if you would indicate as early as possible whether you are prepared to concur.

Oct - Nov
Nov - Dec
Quota

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JB 7/10/47.

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FROM VIENNA TO FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION)

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IMPORTANT

Repeated BERLIN
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D Undated

R 7.35 pm 18th October 1947

Your CCLB/G/317 dated 29th June 1946 and CCLB/A/367 dated 27th November 1946.

Particulars of Jewish DPs in camps in British Zone of Austria as at 17th October 1947.

(A) Total Jewish DPs in Camps 1521.
(B) Number of
(a) Males 697,
(b) Females 504,
(c) Children under 12 years 282,
(i) Accompanied 282,
(ii) Unaccompanied Nil,
(d) Total number of children 320.
(C) Aged 60 and over, 26,
(i) Accompanied Nil,
(ii) Unaccompanied Nil.
(D) Infirm under 60 permanently incapacitated, 76,
(i) Accompanied 49,
(ii) Unaccompanied 27.
(E) Number employable 1125,
(a) Males 698,
(b) Females 427.
(F) Number fit for manual work 858,
(a) Males 641,
(b) Females 217.
(G) Number of skilled workmen 494,
(a) Building 147,
(b) Agricultural 102,
(c) Remainder 245.
(H) Total of dependants of skilled workmen 292.
(a) Building 65,
(b) Agricultural 41,
(c) Remainder 186.
(I) Total number of Jews desiring to go Palestine 1329.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION) TO LUBBECKE

No. 9185 Basic D. 3.45 pm 8th November 1947

8th November 1947

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2. We should be grateful for your comments.

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11 November, 1947

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(GERMAN SECTION)

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Mr Freeman
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To: Distribution as below:

SUBJECT: Emigration of Jewish DPs to PALESTINE.
Operation "GRAND NATIONAL" Technical Instruction No.13

Reference para 3(b) of the above Technical Instruction No.13 and PWDP/58322/6/SEC (Refugees) of 10 June 47.

1. The letter of 10 June 47 is cancelled. Jews wishing to emigrate and who live outside Displaced Persons Assembly Centres are now eligible for selection by the Selection Board, if they can supply proof that they were at one time properly registered Displaced Persons.

H. VREDENBURG,
for Chief, PW & DP Division.

HV/MRM

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The Colonial Office,
The Church House,
Great Smith Street,
London, S.W.1.

75113/47

12th November, 1947.

Mr Irving -
I should feel strongly about this
MFA
Dear Miss Applebey, 13/XI.

1. The High Commissioner has reported that Ben Gurion has requested that priority allocation of immigration certificates be given to the PRESIDENT WARFIELD deportees now in the British zone. Ben Gurion states that Jewish D.P.s in Bergen Belsen have agreed to forego their turn in order that these persons be enabled to come to Palestine forthwith.

2. The High Commissioner sees no reason why any priority should be granted but says that if it would ease the administrative problem in the British zone he would not object to Ben Gurion's suggestion being met.

3. We regard this move as primarily a political manoeuvre to demonstrate the "solidarity" of World Jewry. If we were to agree to this request it would be still one more proof of the thesis that illegal immigration pays. We should not however regard these reasons as sufficient in themselves to justify rejecting the proposal.

FOREIGN OFFICE - GERMAN SECTION
C.F.
13NOV 1947
DIVISION
NORFOLK HOUSE

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MISS M.F. APPLEBEY.

I have seen reports from the Press that the leader of the Jews in D.P. camps has already made an offer on the above lines on behalf of the inmates. We imagine that you will not be satisfied to accept such a declaration at its face value and that you will insist on the individuals concerned ~~agreeing~~ affirming to waive their turns for admission to Palestine.

I am sending copies of this letter to Beith, J.C. Robertson and Commander Evershed.

Yours sincerely,

John D Higham

(J. D. Higham)

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25th November, 1947

Dear Higham,

I am writing with reference to the discussion which took place at our meeting with Russell-Edmunds at the Treasury on 20th November at which Hampshire was also present.

2. As regards the cost of maintenance of the Exodus Jews in the British Zone, Hampshire said that, the Jews having refused to apply for I.R.O. maintenance, this was being borne at present as follows:- (a) the cost of staff and administration by the Foreign Office (German Section) in sterling; (b) the cost of imported food and other commodities, half by the American Government and half by the Foreign Office (German Section), the total being divided in proportions of roughly 80%-20% in dollars and sterling respectively. After the new agreement for the economic fusion of the U.S. and British Zones comes into force, which is expected shortly, the proportions of (b) payable by the British and American Governments will probably be in the neighbourhood of 20%-80% respectively instead of half and half.

3. We agreed that in equity, and following the principle that the Palestine Government pay for the cost of stopping illegal immigration, the whole cost of the maintenance of the Exodus Jews in Germany should be borne by that Government. This would involve their being required to pay a high proportion of the cost in dollars to the U.S. Government. In this connection, we observed that General Clay had already expressed disapproval of our unilateral action in importing the Jews into the Bi-Zone, and would be justified in raising a claim against us on account of the cost of maintaining them.

4. You pointed out, however, that a proposal on these lines would be likely to be received unfavourably by the Palestine Government who had objected to the removal of the Jews in question to Germany, although if they had been removed to Cyprus that Government would have been liable to pay for their maintenance there. You considered that, in the present circumstances, it would be politically undesirable to make this proposal to the Palestine Government particularly in view of the dollar expenditure involved.

5. We then discussed the position in regard to the eventual transfer of these Jews to Palestine and we agreed that they must be regarded in this respect as on all fours with the Jews in Cyprus. They are, in effect, "a chip off the Cyprus block".

6. Under the decision of the Defence Committee on 7th November (D.O.(47) 23rd Meeting, Item 1), the Official Committee on Palestine has been invited to consider and report further on the policy to be pursued in respect of illegal immigration and on the arrangements for disposing of the illegal immigrants detained in Cyprus. I gathered from what you said that this meant that arrangements would have to be made for the transport of the latter to Palestine before the termination of our administrative control of that country, and this would involve exceeding the authorised immigration quota, in the last weeks at any rate, by a considerable number. The addition of the 4,500 Exodus Jews to the number to be transferred in this way would, of course, increase the extent to which the quota would have to be exceeded, but the principle remains, and it is clear they should be included in the consideration to be given to the question by the Official Committee.

7. In view of all the arguments financial and political which were considered, it seemed to our meeting that the solution of these problems lay along the following lines:-

(1) The cost of maintaining the Exodus Jews in Germany to be allowed to lie where it falls unless the

Americans raise the matter specifically, in which case the position will have to be re-considered. (We do not, however, anticipate that this is likely to happen).

(11) Arrangements to be made for the clearance of the Exodus camps at the same time as the Cyprus camps are cleared, and for the transport of the 4,500 Jews to Palestine before the end of our administrative control.

In view, however, of the decision of the Defence Committee referred to above, this matter must be referred for decision to the Official Committee on Palestine, where the views of other interested departments, including our Eastern Department, will be represented.

6. If the decision of the Official Committee is along the lines indicated above, the actual place to be occupied by the Exodus Jews in the clearance programme would be for you to determine in conjunction with the High Commissioner. We, for our part, would naturally hope that they would not come too late in the programme lest there might be a danger of their being left out altogether as a result of a last minute change of plans such as might result, for example, from evidence of strong Arab hostility. Moreover, special arrangements for transport would have to be made, as I presume that the "Grand National" route via Marseilles will not be able to take the number concerned, and it will be necessary to ship them back the way they came, via Hamburg.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Russell-Edmonds.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) J. W. L. IVIMY.

J.D.Higham, Esq.,
The Colonial Office,
Great Smith Street,
London, S.W.1.

~~Mr Peake~~
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FROM BERLIN TO FOREIGN OFFICE

(From Military Governor)

No. 1769

D. 11.30 a.m. 13th December, 1947
13th December, 1947 R. 10.32 a.m. 13th December, 1947

IMPORTANT

Addressed to Travel Jerusalem unnumbered of 13th December repeated to Foreign Office.

Following from Visa Section.

Grand national.

I have not yet received monthly quotas immigration certificates for November/December and December/January. May I have your instructions please?

Foreign Office please pass to Travel Jerusalem.

[Copies sent to Telegraph Section Colonial Office for repetition to Jerusalem]

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Mr Moore would like
History on this already
from a flimsy.
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D.O. (47) 26th Meeting, Minute I

Extract from Conclusions

"The Committee:-

(1) Invited the Chiefs of Staff to consider whether it would be possible so to adjust the plan of withdrawal as to enable the port and area of Tel Aviv to be made available to the Jews some weeks before the termination of the Mandate.

(2) Agreed that for the present the number of certificates allocated for legal immigrants from Europe should remain unchanged, but that, without any formal announcement, an increase of a few hundreds in the number of Jews admitted to Palestine each month should be made in order to enable the camps in Cyprus and Germany to be cleared more rapidly and that special groups of Jewish children should be admitted outside the quota.

(3) Instructed the Official Committee on Palestine to keep the question of immigration policy under review."

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FOREIGN OFFICE,

S.W.1.

16th December, 1947.

SECRET

Dear

You will by now have seen the conclusions reached by the Defence Committee at their meeting on 11th December, regarding illegal immigration to Palestine.

We note that the second of these conclusions agrees that, for the present, the number of certificates allocated for legal Jewish immigration from Europe should remain unchanged, also that special groups of Jewish children should be admitted to Palestine outside the quota.

Regarding the first of these two points, we should be glad of confirmation from you that our monthly quota of certificates for Germany and Austria is to remain unchanged, i.e., that operation "Grand National" is to proceed as hitherto. In this connection you will have seen telegram No. 1769 of 13th December from Berlin, addressed to Jerusalem, which states that no certificates have been received in Germany for November/December and December/January. We should be very glad of your assistance in obtaining these for us as quickly as possible.

Regarding the second point in the Defence Committee's conclusions, i.e., "Grand National Junior", the position remains, as you know, as stated in telegram No. 2293 of 1st December from the High Commissioner for Palestine. May I take it that you will be informing him of the new conclusions, so that the movement of these Jewish children may proceed?

/The...

J.D. Higham, Esq.,
Colonial Office,
Great Smith Street,
S.W.1.

The position in Germany is that the children have been chosen and are now ready in a transit camp for their journey to Palestine; and I am sure that you will realise that we are anxious to get them on their way as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely.

J. H. MOORE
Refugee Department.

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Secretary of State

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PALESTINE

Meeting of the Defence Committee
on 11th December, 1947

The Defence Committee will tomorrow, 11th December, consider a paper by the Official Committee on Palestine, which proposes that all immigration certificates to Palestine should in future be allotted to those detained in illegal immigrants' camps in order to clear these before we lay down the mandate. The effect of this is that Palestine will be closed to Jews who have waited, often for long periods, in camps in Germany and Austria their turn to go to Palestine under the scheme called "Grand National".

2. Recommendation

I recommend that you should press the Colonial Secretary to retain the present small quota (about 300 a month) for the law-abiding Jews in Germany and Austria whatever is settled about illegal immigrants.

I recommend also that you should urge strongly that the scheme known as "Grand National Junior", by which some 460 Jewish orphans are to go to Palestine, should proceed irrespective of any decision that may be taken about adults. If necessary you could promise to write to the Colonial Secretary about this.

3. Arguments

The Official Committee's proposal would sacrifice the law-abiding Jews who have responded to our efforts to make them stand in line for their immigration certificates. It would undermine not only their morale, but also the authority of their

leaders who have co-operated with us in keeping these Jews quietly in Germany.

Against this it will be urged that the need to clear the illegal immigrants' camps is so pressing that the Jews in Germany can wait a few months until we lay down the mandate.

The argument is therefore one of principle versus expediency: on the one hand the keeping of our obligation to the Jews; on the other, an increase of about 300 a month in the numbers to be brought from Cyprus.

On the question of the orphans, the Colonial Office accepted in principle a scheme whereby we should mortgage our quota for the future to get these children to Palestine quickly. 460 children are ready to go. The High Commissioner now says that he cannot take them - again because of the illegal immigrants. It would indeed be a dismal ending to our scheme to assist legal immigration if pressure of events were to allow the illegal immigrants in Cyprus to go in front of orphan children.

M. J. DEAN.

10th December, 1947.

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

75113/95/47 Part II

Code

TO PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

Sent 15th December, 1947. 18.15 hrs.

IMMEDIATE

No. 3302

Foreign Office state British Zonal Authorities in Germany have not (repeat not) yet received their allocation of immigration permits for period November/December or for period December/January.

As Jewish Agency are anxious to use ship leaving Marseilles on 20th December I should appreciate urgent information on this matter.

Copy sent to:-

Foreign Office (German Section)-Miss Drake.

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INWARD TELEGRAM

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

Cypher (O.T.P.)

FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

D. 16th December, 1947.
R. 16th " " 20.00 hrs.

IMMEDIATE

No. 2445

Your telegram No. 3302.

Certificates for Jews in the British Zone.

Allocation for period 15th November - 14th December was 288 (repeat 288) certificates as notified to you in my telegram No. 2136.

2. I will telegraph to you regarding December - January quota.

Copies sent to:-

Foreign Office (German Section) - Miss Drake.

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No.11483 Basic D.6.10pm 18th December 1947

18th December 1947

Repeated Berlin(P.C.O.)
Berlin(E & E.) No 6917 Basic

MOST IMMEDIATE

SECRET

Addressed Lemgo telegram No.11483 Basic of 18th December 1947 repeated Berlin.

Grand National.

Confirm telecon Drake/Vriedenburg High Commissioner for Palestine gives allocation of certificates for British Zone as

(a) November/December 288
(b) December/January 318

2. Hope this enables you to utilize transport on December 20th from Marseilles.

3. If so please advise us of movement particulars by phone.

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FROM LEMGO(PWDP) TO BERLIN(PWDP and POLITICAL DIVISION) and FOREIGN OFFICE(GERMAN SECTION)

CCG.75517. D. 9.30 am 18th December 1947.

18th December 1947. R. 7.15 pm 18th December 1947.

SECRET .

Next GRAND NATIONAL Move.

Number of Jews approximately 300. Train departs BOCHOLT 22nd December 0930 hours, REMAGEN 1823 Hours, FORBACH 0245 hours.

Port of embarkation MARSEILLES. Ships: TRANSYLYVANIA, CYRENIA, PROVIDENCE, will sail 21st, 23rd and 25th December respectively.

Exact numbers leaving will be signalled later.

phoned info to Mrs Sheerfred. JD 19/12/47

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DEPARTMENTAL No. 2

FROM BERLIN (MILITARY GOVERNOR) TO FOREIGN OFFICE

No. 1805
19th December, 1947.

D. 8. 40 p.m. 19th December, 1947
R. 7. 20 p.m. 19th December, 1947.

IMPORTANT

Addressed to Paris telegram No. 183 of 19th December repeated to Rome and Foreign Office.

Operation Grand National.

Party numbering approximately 300 leaves British zone on December 22nd arriving Forbach 0245 hours December 23rd. Due to leave Marseilles in S.S. Transylvania Cyrenia and Providence on January 21st 23rd and 25th respectively.

Foreign Office please pass to Rome and important to Paris as my telegrams Nos. 33 and 183 respectively.

[Repeated to Rome and Paris.]

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